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A rare national treasure in peril

Clare Short, one of the few outspoken. inpredictable people left at a senior level in British politics, was the main casualty Last night's Shadow Cabinet reshuffle. the was demoted from transport to werseas development - a job traditionally given to unfashionable women MPs such as Joan Lestor and Ann Clywd.

Though not universally admired, Ms Short has stood out by saying in public things that she self-evidently believes and it is for that precisely that she has

been punished by Tony Blair.

She has called for a debate on the possible legalisation of cannabis. She has sug-uested that people on relatively high salaries, close to her own, ought to pay more tax. She compounded her crime by telling a journalist about the "Ring Tony at home" messages on her electronic pager

Only last weekend she annoyed his office with attacks on the obsession with tax cuts and low inflation, and the "myth of the happy family and the permanent

A courageous MP, she had tried to undo the damage of years of criticism of Mr Blair. Earlier this year she generously conceded that an "upper-middle-class man" had not been her idea of who should be



wrong: "It didn't work for me, but it works for the rest of the country."

Like another outspoken politician, John Prescott, Clare Short had carried out some of the dirtier jobs of party discipline for Tony Blair. But like Mr Prescott, she has struggled in recent days to avoid condemning strikers without seeming overtly disloyal to the Labour leader. She sealed her fate on the afternoon of the Shadow Cabinet elections when she walked out of a television interview sweetly refusing to answer a question about the Tube strike.

Middle England may be relieved. But if she is on the way out of the Labour leadership, British politics will be the poorer. There must be a place in national life for someone who says: "If I have to be calculating about what I say, I will

cease to be a proper human being."

Shadow Cabinet in full, page (



Workfare revolution to be costed by Major

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

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John Major has agreed to an in-dependent evaluation of a right to work" scheme which its backers claim could put many hundreds of thousands back into jobs and save £5bn annually in public expenditure. have costed.

Under the scheme the jobless would be paid £3 an hour - perhaps less for the young - for useful work created by local authorities, voluntary organisations, environmental agencies and private industry. The idea bears some similarities to US-style workfare schemes, under which claimants can be forced to work for their bene-

fits, or a sum just above. The backers of the idea accept, however, that the number of jobs needed to cover the 2.2 million unemployed mean that the scheme would have to begin here on a voluntary basis.

The move was hailed as "a real breakthrough" yesterday by Frank Field, Labour chairman of the Commons Social Security Committee, who, with Sir Ralph Howell, the Tory backbencher, is co-sponsor of the "Right to Work" Bill which the Prime Minister has agreed to

Mr Major's agreement to the study follows a demand for one by 135 backbenchers across all three parties. The study should be completed in time for a second reading of Sir Ralph's Bill set for 15 October.

Downing Street yesterday stressed that its study of the idea was absolutely "without commitment".

Ministers – including those on the right – have remained firmly opposed to workfare, which effectively turns the state into the employer of last resort. That, ministers have argued, would



people in non-subsidised low paid jobs out of work. No 10 said yesterday: "All the

Government's own investigations of Sir Ralph's scheme have concluded that it is unworkable." The Prime Minister,

given Sir Ralph's refusal to accept the Government's

The idea received unanimous backing in March this year from the cross-party Commons Employment Committee which

duced an Early Day Motion demanding a study "to prove or disprove" whether Sir Ralph's scheme would save billions in public spending. It would, its backers claimed, "eliminate unemployment, increase human happiness and sense of worth

and give everybody the opportunity to earn a living". Those signing the motion included 80 Conservatives, among them ex-ministers such as John Butcher and George Walden, and ranging from Pe-ter Bottomley on the left to John Carlisle on the right. Alex Carlile and five other Liberal Democrats backed the call as

from Alice Mahon on the party's left to Greville Janner, the Employment Committee chairman, on the right.

did 40 Labour MPs, stretching

costings. It is equally important if you are looking at options which a Labour government might consider. Both Sir Ralph and I are

confident that if the calculations are done fairly this will be shown to save money. It would not only allow large numbers of people to do useful work, but it will allow spouses in families to go back work as well, transforming people's lives."

At present, social security rules effectively force part-time workers to quit when the main breadwinner loses a job. The scheme would put benefit money into letting people work, while generating tax receipts and stimulating the economy, Mr Field said.

A successful scheme would eventually lead to compulsory workfare, he added, "but in the initial stages we will never have

Aldeburgh," he said. Dr Williamson added that the could only turn right.

John Woolf, British Midcomposer's reputation was likely to come under increasing fire land's deputy chairman, said: This has been a difficult day for us, but we have learnt from the experience. We have completely

> Humphrey Carpenter reported some of the truth in his 1992 biography which revealed that he kissed and cuddled boy singers — but only platonically.

A backstabber and composer of ephemeral music..

What the Master of the Queen's Music says about Benjamin Britten

Marianne macdonald (Arts Correspondent

The debate over whether the composer Benjamin Britten should be honoured with a statue in his Suffolk home town was reignited yesterday when Mal-colm Williamson, Master of the Queen's Music, came out against the idea. "In my opinion, Britten's music is ephemeral. It will not last," he said.

Dr Williamson spoke out after it emerged on Wednesday that Aldeburgh town council had rejected a district council suggestion that a statue of Britten be erected in the town where he is buried and lived for 30 years.

"Elgar – a much greater composer - had to wait 50 years after his death for a statue to be put up to him in his home town of Worcester. I think it is eminently suitable to consider the amount to which Britten is already commemorated in

after having been protected for the two decades since his death by admirers such as Donald Mitchell, Britten's editor at Faber.

"A huge amount of literature

is coming out now, since Ben's death," Dr Williamson said. "The homosexual, paedophilia

I knew him for 40 years. He was very good to me and exceedingly "He nominated me to be Master of the Queen's music because he knew he was dying and couldn't do it himself. I have

thing is coming to fore and

there's going to be a terrific swing against him. That's noth-

ing to me - he was a friend, al-

though an ambidextrous friend:

coming out about Britten and his

dirty tricks and the fact that he

spent the war in America to es-

cape, while other people like Michael Tippett, who is a great

composer and still with us,

stayed here and went to prison

the novelist E M Forster after

taking up his suggestion that he

turn Crabbe's poem Peter

Grimes into an opera, he added.

"The emphasis was all on wicked men and small boys. He

was furious and never spoke to

Flood and Billy Budd had enor-

mous charm, he went on. "But

he was curiously schizophrenic.

The composer of Nove's

Ben for years."

Britten had fallen out with

as a conscientious objector."

"More and more facts are

a backstabber too."

great gratitude for him, but he was terribly double, as the French would say. "There is a backlash. People are coming out, like me, and suddenly getting the courage to speak. It's now 20 years since Ben died and I did the BBC TV obituaries and the World Ser-

vice obituaries of him and I had

to steel my teeth not to say any-

thing out of order."

Mr Field said yesterday: had, however, agreed that the called for a pilot of the job sub-"This is a real breakthrough givsidy and work experience idea Department for Education and enough jobs for all the people who would volunteer". Employment would commis-"forthwith". The Government's en that the Government to date has stone-walled over any distort the jobs market and put sion an independent evaluation, brusque rejection of that pro-Airline fined after plane ran out of oil

QUICKLY Coup in Burundi

here were chaotic scenes in Burundi yesterday in the wake of a military coup. Page 11

British Gas £1bn writ British Gas revealed that it has issued a writ against the DTI to claim back it has paid in Page 18

LAW REPORT 14 LEADER AND LETTERS 15 **CHRISTIAN WOLMAR** Transport Correspondent

British Midland were ordered to pay £175,000 in fines and costs for putting at risk the lives of 183 passengers and crew in a case which raises questions about the maintenance proce-

dures in British aviation. Luton Crown Court heard that both engines of a Boeing 737 on a flight from East Midlands to Lanzarotte on 23 February 1995 almost ran out of oil because the gearbox covers had been left off during maintenance the previous night.

per cent of the required amount of oil left, which meant the lane was within minutes of losing all power when it made an emergency landing at Luton air-

port after a 17-minute flight. It was only thanks to the skill of the captain, Barney Reichman, that a disaster was averted. Judge Daniel Rodwell said: "It is only through the vigilance of the pilot and his crew that the dramatic sudden loss of oil pressure was noticed and the

aircraft was able to land safely. "Had they not noticed, the engine very shortly after would have, if not seized, suffered such It was the first prosecution

brought against a scheduled airline under legislation introduced in 1989 and is a severe embarrassment for Britain's second largest airline. As a result of errors by a senior engineer and a fitter, the

gearbox covers were left off, allowing the oil to leak out. Both men were sacked, In passing sentence of fines of £75,000 on each of two counts and costs of £25,000, Judge Rodwell said he had to

aircraft would have crashed with a very high probability of killing all 189 on board."

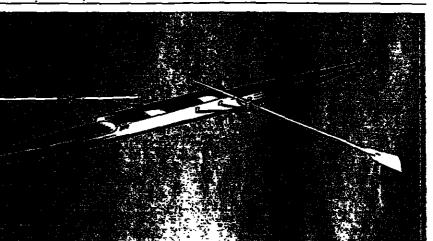
a serious one". He said the public must have confidence that airlines do not "cut corners" in mode, which meant the aircraft safety matters.

Yesterday's verdict coincided with the publication of the report by the Air Accident Investigations Branch into the incident. This linked the airline with two other potential catastrophes caused by faulty maintenance by night staff. In June 1990, the cockpit win-

dow of a BAC1-11 fell out and the pilot was almost sucked out. He was only saved by a steward holding onto his legs. The wrong bolts had been installed, The engines had less than 10 a dramatic loss of power that the treat British Midland's larse "as according to the inquiry. And in

changed our procedures."

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A Comish town united in grief yesterday at the funeral of aschoolsirl Caroline Dickinson, 13, who was raped and murdered on a French hostel holiday. Parents and pupils

wept openly as they crowded to overflowing the historic St

Mary Magdalen Church in the heart of Launceston, on the edge of Bodmin Moor. Hundreds more stood outside the

Many of the wreaths were shaped like cats, reminders of

parish church in brilliant sunshine as the service ended.

the schoolgiri's pet, Bimbo. One floral tribute was from

Launceston College, where she was a second-year pupil. It

said: "A quiet and gentle girl of whom we were so proud."

another tribute card bore poignant pencilled messages from classmates. One said simply: "Why?" and another: "You will

Caroline's killer crept into the hostel at Pleme-Fourgeres,

The tiny Scotlish island of Eigg, with a population of just 60, is up for sale for the second time in 15 months.

The island, in the Inner Hebrides, is on the market for at least £2m, according to estate agents Knight Frank of

The present owner, a German artist called Maruma bought the island for £1.5m last year and promised to invest £15m. Instead, he sold off the cattle, a mainstay of the

fragile local economy. The previous owner was Keith Schellenberg, a colourful Yorkshire businessman and former Olympic bobsled champion, clashed with his tenants

over his plans to maintain Eigg's unspoilt nature and reluctance to install basic amenities. In the tense final months of his tenure, his vintage Rolls Royce was destroyed in a mystery fire. When he left, the islanders threw a party

to celebrate comparing his departure to the liberation of

Anti-nuclear protesters attacked a convoy of nuclear warhead carriers with red paint to highlight the dangers

of moving the weapons around Britain. Five vehicles carrying Trident warheads from Berkshire to Scotland were

The protesters, all women, walked into the path of the

vehicles on a minor road and sprayed the cab of one of the carriers with red gloss paint, delaying the convoy by up to two hours. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said:

private health insurers faced criticism from the Office of Pair Trading yesterday, which called for regulation of

literature changed, so that rival schemes can be compared.

The combination of medical matters and insurance

makes these products doubly difficult to understand and

that insurance is called on when people are vulnerable,

this is not the time to discover that a mistake has

been made." Nicholas Timmins

Nannel 4's Gulliver's

unprecedented 10 Emmy

British production in the

With its all-star cast and

almost impossible to compare," said John Bridgeman, Director General of Fair Trading, "Even the well-educated will at present find it hard to make good judgements. Given

sales, warnings about future cost increases, and sales

blockaded by three CND members as they stopped for

Haiti from Papa Doc Duvalier.

lunch at RAF Leeming in Yorkshire.

We take no notice of CND protests."

near St Malo, to her ground floor room. A 39-year-old local tramp with a history of sex offences has been charged with

be missed, never forgotten." It was a week ago that

Home loans cheapest since 1965 significant shorts

CLIFFORD GERMAN

Nationwide Building Society yesterday cut its standard mortgage rate by 0.25 per cent to 6.49 per cent, the lowest level since 1965, and challenged its rivals

Last night none had done so, but Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, was quick to claim that the move reflected the Govlow-inflation, low-interest-rate

From 1 September new and existing customers of Nationwide will pay 6.49 per cent a year, reducing the cost of a typical £50,000 repayment mortgage from £326.03 to with mortgage rates as low as £319.06 a month. It undercuts the Halifax, the Woolwich and the main clearing banks by 0.5 per cent and Abbey National by

est standard variable rate, at 6.59 per cent, although North-5.99 per cent.

Nationwide which are Discount and cash-back determined to remain mutual mortgage rates linked to societies and pass on benefits to Nationwide's standard variable customers in the shape of lowrate will also come down. The

mortgage war and renews the ri-valry between the banks and returns on savings.
Nationwide has already made selective cuts in mortgage those building societies such as Halifax and Woolwich which are converting into banks and giv-

ing away cash and shares to

members who vote for conversion, and those societies led by

rates and maintained or increased savings rates at a combined cost of £200 million a year, nearly half its pre-tax profits of £459 million in the year to the end of March 1996. Nationwide will also cut rates paid to savers, although the de-

tails had not been decided, the

Until yesterday Yorkshire unexpected move revives the er mortgage rates and higher chief executive, Brian Davis, Building Society had the cheap mortgage war and renews the risaid. Rivals have been edging rates on selected savings accounts lower in recent weeks and most of them have cut rates three times this year compared to two at Nationwide.

Nationwide currently pays 4.2 per cent on a typical £1,000 deposit in a 90-day notice account. compared to 3.15 per cent at Abbey National and 3.05 per cent at Halifax.

Postal dispute heads towards deal

BARRIE CLEMENT

The long-running and damaging dispute at the Royal Mail is heading towards a settlement though the conflict at London Underground remains in deadlock and brought chaos to the

capital yesterday. Leaders of the Communication Workers' Union called off today's planned strike by 130,000 postal workers after "considerable progress" was made at a 25-hour session of negotiations at the conciliation service Acas which ended at

noon yesterday. With no sign of progress in the Tube dispute, however, there seemed little chance that another day-long walk-out on

Monday would be avoided. At the Royal Mail it was thought that some disruption might take place today because the walk-out was cancelled at such a late stage, but both sides were confident of a peace deal.

The decision by the CWU prompted Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, to "defer" his plan to suspend the union negotiators are near Royal Mail's monopoly. He warned however that he would not hesitate to allow private operators to deliver letters for less than £1 - the cut-off rate for the



Slow going: Bus passengers caught up in traffic congestion during yesterday's London Underground strike

working" which employees' rep-resentatives had suspected was

scheduled to begin next Wednesday, following three a device for getting more work for minimal reward. previous day-long strikes. Mem-Mr Johnson also declared his bers of the postal executive of confidence that a new form of . the CWU have been told that words from management would afford more protection for fulltime jobs. The CWU has asked agreement on the key issues and

"Following four days of intensive discussions at Acas, both the Royal Mail and the Communication Workers' Union are confident they can reach agreement which resolves all the outstanding items in the dis-pute." It added that a settlement

usual 440 Tube services, the combined action by the RMT and Aslef unions meant that there were only 10.

Jimmy Knapp, RMT leader. accused management of a "go slow" over talks. He said that unless the Government intervened to insist on negotiations,

Photograph: Andrew Buuran

unions should suspend Monday's action. If the unions were serious about a reduction in the working week rather than a substantial pay rise they would

accept an offer which cut working time to 37.5 hours, but offered a 2.4 per cent rise rather than 3.2 per cent.

Lew Adams, Aslef general secretary, said that she was be-

Cravels has picked up an nominations ever received by prestigious awards. The twopart mini-series starring Ted Danson was a huge success in the United States, gaining an audience of 53 million. It was produced by Duncan Kenworthy, who also made Four Weddings And A Funeral,

speciacular special effects. Channel 4 its second biggest audience – after Four Weddings And A Funeral. The cast included Danson's wife Mary Steenburgen, Edward Fox and his brother, James, Omar Sharif, Nicholas Lyndhurst, Edward Woodward, Sir John Gielgud and Richard Wilson.

The Government is to pay the £2.7m costs incurred by local authorities as a result of the Dunblane massacre, it was announced yesterday. Scottish Secretary Michael Forsyth announced that the three councils affected would be fully reimbursed to meet extra policing, education and social work costs.

The full amount was being given in recognition of the "wholly exceptional" circumstances of the March tragedy when Thomas Hamilton shot dead 16 children and their teacher in the gymnasium of Dunblane Primary School.

ust days after breaking up for the summer holidays, a schoolboy has died of meningitis. Teachers yesterday paid tribute to promising sportsman and musician James McNeill, 15, a pupil at the King Edward VI School in Birmingham. James fell ill last weekend and was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital, but died on Tuesday.

Dr Stuart Grainger, a representative of the school's foundation, said James's parents, who live in the Handsworth area of the city, were too distressed to speak about his death. "All our thoughts today are with his family," he added

Aman was jailed for life for the murder of a young woman whose body has never been found. Teresa Shephard, 25, disappeared a year ago after going to meet a man in Sheffield. She has never been heard of since. During a three-week trial. Sheffield Crown Court was told that her ex-boyfriend, Peter Turner, was charged with her murder after spots of her blood were found in his car.

Turner, 23, of Doncaster Road, Worksop, Notts, denied he had seen her on the night she went missing, but he had a motive for killing the student because he had been charge t with assault and she was due to give evidence against him.

Doctors can safely return to giving newborn babies routine injections of vitamin K to prevent a rare but dangerous bleeding disease early in life, according to research published in the British Medical Journal vesterday. Routine use of injected vitamin K has been cut back in favour of less effective capsules after fears raised in 1990 that the injections produced higher rates of leukaemia and cancer in children.

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Two new studies, however, show there is no such link. It appears that the disease can be completely eradicated without the threat of leukaemia and childhood cancer as a side effect," the journal reports, Nicholas Turmins

was expected over the weekend. Monday's strike was inevitable. that they will be asked to deliver the Royal Mail to ensure that The dispute over working 30 per cent of mail is set aside hours on London Underground Ann Burfutt, director of huthe final verdict on Monday. Alan Johnson, general sec-retary, told his executive yesfor a second delivery in order man resources at London however seemed nowhere near resolution as commuters and tence that the argument should that offer had already been to guard against part-time working. resolution as commuters and A joint statement said: roads seized up. Instead of the go to arbitration and that the rejected.

Crime victims' cash goes to upgrade prisons out £262m in the year up to fer and that everyone awarded ry A immates. The decision fol- the CICS reveals the despera- where victims were paid ac-

A looming crisis in the prison service has forced the Home Office to take £90m from funds intended for victims of crime and spend it on extra cells and improved security in jails, it inal Injuries Compensation Office sources stressed yester-Scheme was budgeted to pay day that victims would not suf-

fice now believes it will need less than two-thirds of that amount.

take place over the weekend

ahead of a 48-hour stoppage

The move was immediately attacked by groups represent ing victims, and by Labour MPs who argued that the fund had already been cut after changes introduced in April. But Home

The emergency measure comes because of the rapidly rising prison population and the sury's refusal to provide extra funds The additional £90m this year is to pay towards an extra 4,500 places in prison, and help upgrade security at five "core" local prisons used to house some high-risk CategoPrison Service amid dire warnings of overflowing jails and likely disorder. Estimates predict a population of 60,000 by autumn next year, compared with the 55,000 now behind bars.

Penal reformers and Labour MPs believe the decision of Michael Howard the Home Secretary, to divert money from

costs . Jack Straw, shadow home secretary, said: "Nothing better illustrates the Tories' failure on law and order than the spectacle of the victims of serious violent crime having to foot the bill for the crisis in our prisons."

In April Mr Howard was criticised for his decision to change the CICS from one

to a cheaper tariff-based system. Helen Peggs, spokeswoman of Victim Support, said: "If the Home Office thinks there is

spare money available it should go to victims of crime. Richard Tilt, Prison Service director general, welcomed the cash since the system faced a budget cut

of 13.3 per cent over three years.

to visit her daughter. In fact, she

was seeing her former lover. Jan

in the £400,000 should would in-

herit on the death of her hus-

hand. To that end, she paid a

Johannesburg nightelub owner £15,000 for a contract killing, the court heard. Two men were hired and dispatched to Britain.

In February last year, Mr Trigwell was found at the cou-

However, Anne Trigwell was overheard planning the hit by

the wife of the nightclub own-

er - a brothel-keeper - planning the hit and told the court of a

meeting between Trigwell and

the two hitmen, Loren Sund-

Det Supt Ken Evans, who led the murder inquiry, said he

kvist and Paul Ras.

's home in Sutton Coldfield.

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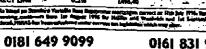
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Wife jailed for contract killing of private eye Trigwell began making frequent visits to South Africa, apparently

When Barry "the bastard" Trig-well was found bludgeoned to death in a half-filled bath at his home in the West Midlands. a colleague of the private investigator suggested that the killer could be any one of about 50

Mr Trigwell, 44, appeared to have excelled at making ene-mics around the world during his career as a private eye. One of his specialities was snatching "tug of love" children for money, as well as developing unhealthy connections with underworld figures. At first the police had almost too many prime suspects to the murder.

One person few suspected of

being responsiblewas his wife of less than a year, Anne, who was 6,000 miles away in South Africa when the murder took

But yesterday, Ethel Anne Trigwell, 43, was jailed for life for hiring two South African hit-



Anne Trigwell: Recruited

Passing sentence at Birmingham Crown Court, Mr Justice Nelson said: "The jury have convicted you of murder. This was cold, calculated offence. A chilling murder."

men to assassinate her husband. The reasons were the der and deceit began shortly af-



two South African hitmen

oldest ones in the book - sex and money.

> hoped to bring back the two alleged hitmen before a British court. He described Trigwell as "a hard, cold and callous

Boys' march could be blocked

MICHAEL STREETER

Organisers of the Apprentice Boys parade through Londonderry, the next flashpoint in Northern Ireland, yesterday voiced fears at reports the RUC will try to block their route.

A police spokesman said that officers were "considering all options" in the build-up to the parade on 10th August Mr. William Moore general

attempt to close access to the ing a Protestant area, bringing route around the old city walls. part of which overlooks the Nationalist Bogside area.

Such a move could potentially lead to another Drumcree, where Orangemen were involved in a four-day stand off with security forces before they were allowed to march past a Nationalist area of Portadown.

The Apprentice Boys have refused to meet with the Bogsecretary of the Apprentice side residents group who last Boys Association said they night organised a civil rights would be bitterly opposed to any march through the city includ-

back memories of similar marches in 1969.

both sides of the community are continuing and Northern Ireland Security Minister Sir John Wheeler is due in the city in the next few days to help broker an agreement,

politicians are trying to agree on an agenda for talks. A full plenary session seems certain to start on Monday and is expected to agree to rules for talks.

Talks between the SDLP and Unionist and Nationalist

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Scares empty John Bull's cupboard

Pickings are slim as lamb joins the danger list

GLENDA COOPER

Lamb chops and mint sauce have joined roast beef and Yorkshire pudding as a culinary catastrophe for any aspiring hostess to serve up for dinner these days following evidence that BSE can spread to sheep, gats and deer'.

Seven to watch

 Eggs: Salmonella scare 1988. Pregnant women, the old and young children advised against soft-boiled

 Ready cooked poultry/ soft cheeses: Listeria outbreak 1989 - pregnant women, old and young told to avoid eating them

 Hazlenut yoghurt: Botulism found in one batch 1989. Now safe · Beef: Fears of link between BSE in cattle and CJD in humans, Now extended to lamb, goats

 Apple juice. February 1993 high levels of patulin a naturally occuring toxin found in juice. Now monitored by manufacturers

and deer.

Carrots: May 1995 High levels of organophosphates on carrots led the government to advise peel ing carrots before eating • Baby Milk: May 1996 9 leading brands of baby milk said to contain levels of 'gender bender' chemicals called phthalates. The European Commission to danger to babies.

It seems a little of what you fancy proves confusing, with every foodstuff a potential minefield of gender-bending chemicals, carcinogens, or vom-

it-inducing bacteria. So with the latest dishes to be restaurant being the Barnsley

casserole, the obvious answer seems to be to turn to poultry. Call back the waiter, though. Chicken is a no-no - if the salmonella doesn't get you [re-member Edwina Currie?], the

listeria in ready-cooked poultry

There is always fish, food for the brain and good for the heart, as long as they have not been swimming in polluted waters and really are fresh when you buy them – oily fish spoil more rapidly than white fish and can cause a stomach-upset and skin-rash reaction known as scombotoxicity. And people who eat raw fish run the risk of getting worms (one of the hazards of Japanese food).

Forget the fish and two veg then and just go for the greens. But before the vegetarians get too smug, you are not out of the woods yet. In May 1995 the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food advised people to peel, top and tail their carrots before eating them after it was discovered that some had more than 25 times the expected content of organophosphates, pesticides sprayed on crops to protect them against the destructive carrot fly.

Just a baked potato for Sir, then? Solanine and chaconine are alkaloids found in potatoes, occurring in the highest quantities in the above-ground parts and in the sprouts. Acute illness and even death have resulted following the consumption of sprouted (or green or blighted) potatoes. These alkaloids cause drowsiness, difficulty in breathing and paralysis. They also inflame the gut, leading to stomach-ache and diarrhoea.

An outbreak of potato poisoning occurred in Lewisham in 1978, when 78 schoolboys were taken ill after a meal containing potatoes later found to contain high levels of alkaloids.

Leave the main course and

move on to dessert. No cheese - Brie and Camembert are ed in health-food enthusiasts prime candidates for listeria. The obvious healthy option is fruit, low in calories, high in virejected at your favourite tamins and high in sugar. But continuous munching of fruit chop, curried goat or venison



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more simple thing than throw-ing it to the keeper who has rub-

ber in his gloves," said Mr

Khan. "But having heard Ian

Botham and Bob Taylor, if they

say that is what happened, I will

accept that they were drying the

In his opening speech, Charles Gray QC, counsel for Botham and Lamb, had de-

scribed the justification plea as a "last-ditch attempt" by Mr

Khan. Yesterday, he said he was

angry that allegations that had

received the widest publicity were only now being withdrawn. Mr Khan replied: "At no stage

have I ever called Mr Botham

a cheat. It is technical ball-tam-

pering. I have never regarded

action against the Sun article,

he has joined Allan Lamb in su-

ing Mr Khan over an "offensive personal attack" on them in In-

dia Today magazine, which they

say called them racist, unedu-

cated and lacking class and up-

bringing. Mr Khan, who denies

libel, says his words were tak-

During his cross-examina-

tion by Mr Gray. Mr Khan

said he was aware of increased racism in England. "Had I, of course, not married Jemima,

and I didn't know her when I

held those views. I would always

have wanted my children to grow up in Pakistan because

children are very sensitive." he

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that although it may reduce the risk of bowel cancer, it can in-And remember, as you pat

your empty stomach, that obesity is still one of the biggest health problems in the Western

Mars-mad Scots told they must eat to live

GLENDA COOPER

Scots were told to stop "eating themselves to death" yesterda as the Government launched a drive to encourage those north of the horder to eat more

In Scotland, home of the deep-fried Mars bar, where the traditional diet is too heavy in fat, sugar and salt, people are 34 per cent more likely to die before the age of 65 than those south of the border. A menu of 71 recommendations has been drawn up which will urge su-permarkets, schools, the NHS and farmers to promote a healthier diet

More than 2,600 people under 65 die each year from beart disease in Scotland and more than 4,000 from cancer and 700 from strokes.

"An unhealthy diet is a significant factor in many of these cases," said Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the Scottish Health Minister. "We owe it to ourselves and our children to do what we can to reduce these dismal statistics and change the eating habits which have helped push us to the bottom rungs of the European health

The Scottish Diet Action Group, which includes nutritionists, doctors, local authorities, farmers and food retailers, has drawn up a blueprint which will target pregnant women, babies, young children and those on low incomes. The ini-tiative will be funded by £1m of new government money over the next three years.

Lord James said it was the most comprehensive action and will be published next plan that had been drawn up to spring," he said. "Further surtackle Scotland's long-stand-

and he urged consumers to jump out of the frying pan into

the fruit bowl". He said the plan recognised that people could not be forced to eat what they did not want to. Instead, the group hoped to encourage supermarkets and food producers and suppliers, councils, caterers and retailers

to promote healthy eating. in autumn all households will be sent a mailshot which will give hints on healthy eating. Some of the money will pay for a national project officer to promote a healthy-diet initiative in poor communities.

Advertisements will promote fruit, vegetables, leaner meat. cereal and fish and caterers will be trained to provide healthy options. And supermarkets will be urged to develop healthier products and put more informative labelling on foods.

Robert Kendall, Scotland's

Chief Medical Officer, said eating habits there had improved over the past 20 years. "There are fewer people living on Scotch [meat] pie and chips but we are still lagging behind the rest of Europe and we do not need to."

He said one of the easiest ways of improving diet was for producers of canned and other processed food slowly to reduce the sugar and salt in their products, so that the public would not notice any difference.

Lord James said that progress would be monitored closely with the new Scottish health survey, which will track changes in eating habits over a 10-year period.
The first survey is under way

veys will then follow at threeing unhealthy-eating problems yearly intervals.

Khan offers public apology to Botham

CLARE GARNER

Imran Khan changed his tune again yesterday and admitted that his defence - a plea of jus-tification - had failed. The dramatic climbdown came on the ninth day of the High Court cricket libel trial, as the real bat-tle between England and Pakist in got underway at Lord's. The former Pakistani captain

withdrew his defence that his allegations of ball-tampering against Ian Botham were justified and offered the former England all-rounder a public apology. The withdrawal was as much of a surprise as the claim itself, which had been sprung on the plaintiff just days before the case opened.

The plea of justification had relied on two clips of video footage of Mr Botham during test matches against India and Pakistan in 1982, which Mr Khan claimed showed Mr Botham tampering with a ball. Mr Botham is suing Mr Khan for an article published in the Sun newspaper in May 1994, in which he claims to have been accused of ball-tampering, which he says he has never done.

Mr Khan told Mr Justice French and the jury that he accepted Mr Botham's evidence that in the India match he was pushing the ball back into shape. His counsel, George Carman QC, had argued that Botham had been using his fingernails to lift or scratch the seam. "I have no reason to doubt Ian when he says he was repairing the ball," said Mr Khan. "I am prepared to go along with that. If he says he was squeezing the hall, then fine, he was squeezing the ball."

Asked by Mr Carman about incidents during the Pakistan Test when according to Mr Botham, his reason for throwing the ball back to wicketkeeper Bob Taylor was so he could dry it with his gloves. Mr Khan said he had never heard of this practice before. Mr Carman had suggested that Mr Botham's intention had been for Mr Taylor to remove lacquer from the ball.

Everyone immediately uses the trousers, which is a much



Cross culture: Imran Khan and his wife Jemima want their child to understand both England and Pakistan

Bardot backs the big bad wolf

MARY DEJEVSKY

An unlikely coterie of crack French troops, huntsmen, shep-herds and Brigitte Bardot have come together in pursuit of the "wolf of Larzac", a beast said to have cost farmers 50 lambs since May. No one has actually seen the wolf, but apocrypha in the villages insist that policewoman fired at it from

20 yards and missed. Last weekend, the beast struck again, and an expeditionary force was mustered. including troops from the near-by base. The arrival of the soldiers had almost as much symbolic as practical value.

Mr Gray said that as a result of the plea of justification be-Twenty years ago, conservaing put on record, a "stream of tionists stopped the expansion witnesses" had to be called. Mr of the base in Larzac, a wild Khan said: "Yes, it is because of highland in the centre of souththeir evidence that I dropped it. ern France, and it is still a by-I have no reason to call them word for "alternative" lifestyles. On Wednesday, though, a 200-strong posse set out in to hunt the wolf. Wolves being pro-In addition to Mr Botham's

> pedition needed a special licence - which is where Brigitte Bardot came in. Her foundation for the protection of animals offered a reward of 10,000 francs (£1,282) for the capture of the animal alive. As a result, the hunt was not quite united. The shep-

herds, it is reported, wanted the

tected animals in France, the ex-

wolf dead, while some troops dreamt of man-to-wolf combat and seizing the beast alive. All, alas, were to be disappointed as the the wolf stubbornly stayed away. Le Monde had a simple explanation: There's always a wolf, a good said. But now I'm married to old family wolf ... to save the 'silly season'. If there's nothing are different. I would like my to say, no news - we say, let's go on a wolf-hunt.

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From ruling the waves to the rule of finance: A small Victory for Britain and a 'new' Nimrod, based on the 50s Cornet

£4bn RAF order as Clarke backs off

and COLIN BROWN

Three orders for the RAF worth nearly £4bn were announced yesterday by Michael Portillo, Secretary of State for Defence, after a close-fought battle with the Treasury. The orders, for a new air-launched cruise missile, an air-launched anti-tank missile and new maritime patrol aircraft will safeguard 5,000 jobs, he said.

expected before the parliamentary recess began on Wednesday but was delayed at the last minute because of Treasury doubts.

It marked a victory for Mr and Matra of France. Portillo over Kenneth Clarke. the Chancellor, after the intervention of Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to end the squabble over spending between the Treasury and the Ministry of Defence.

Mr Heseltine, a former Secretary of State for Defence who resigned from the Thatcher Cabinet over defence orders for helicopters, insisted on boosting British industry and forced the Treasury to back

His intervention came after Tory MPs tabled a Commons motion protesting at the delay and at a threat by the Chancellor to cancel at least one of the orders. The MPs, led by Keith Mans, chairman of the Tory backbench defence committee, were furious with the refusal of the Treasury to allow the orders

ALAN MURDOCH

The Irish government yesterday

pushed five emergency Bills

through the Dail to tackle or-

ganised crime and drugs traf-

ficking, promised in the wake of

last month's murder of crime re-

was agreed the Dail would return from its summer break for the 10-hour special session to

porter Veronica Guerin. After Ms Guerin's killing it

Dublin crackdown

to provide tax cuts, had been determined to put the Thatcherite Mr Portillo on the spot by putting pressure on him to find

savings in his budget.

Both the new missiles, due to enter service in 2001, will be carried by the RAF's new Eurofighter, which will enter service at the same time, as well as by existing aircraft.

The Conventionally Armed Stand-Off Missile - Casom - is The announcement had been designed to hit targets with spected before the parliagreat accuracy without the launching aircraft having to fly close to them. As expected the MoD chose the Storm Shadow, to be made by British Aerospace

For the tank-destroying airlaunched anti-armour weapon, the MoD chose Brimstone, based on the American Hellfire missile but built by GEC-Marconi.

As expected, the biggest or-der, for 21 new maritime patrol aircraft at a cost of £2bn, went to British Acrospace for the Nimrod 2000, a new version of the existing Nimrod which is hased on the Comet and is 25 years old. Mr Portillo said that such aircraft were particularly important for protecting Britain's Trident missile-carrying submarines but had also played important roles in the Gulf War and in enforcing the arms embargo on the former Yugoslavia. The Nimrod 2000 retains the 1950s design but has many new components including new wings and new Rolls-Royce engines. to go through.

Mr Clarke, having been heavily criticised by Thatcherites

The anti-submarine systems will be provided by GEC and Boeing.

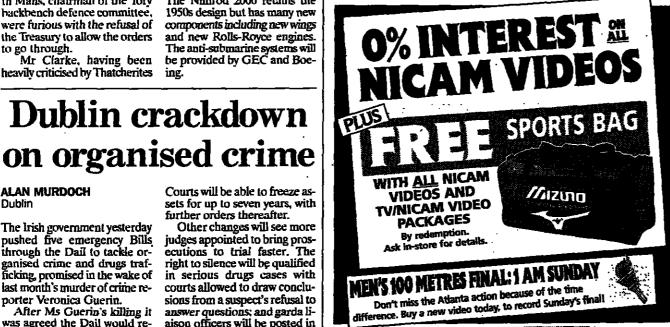
> answer questions; and garda liaison officers will be posted in The Hague and Madrid to help

co-ordinate international ac-



The ever-present past: A replica of HMS Victory built for the 1941 film 'Lady Hamilton' arrives from San Diego at Chatham, Kent, yesterday, on the day an order was announced for a new version of the existing Nimrod, top. The re-styled aircraft could still be in service in 2020, when the design would be 70 years old

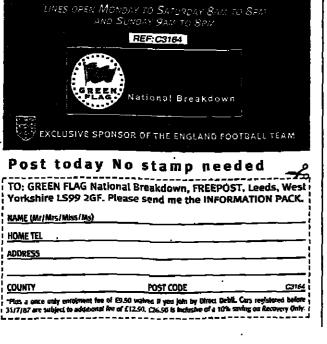
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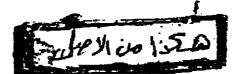
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'Plight of dedicated but depressed lone mother who went unheeded until she abandoned her four-year-old'

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A portrait of a lonely, desperate mother who could no longer cope emerged yesterday as police continued their search for Julie Lane, who left her fouryear-old child beneath a bush in a park in Bournemouth, Dorset, earlier this week.

Miss Lane, 33, was devoted to her son Steven, according to her family who said mother and son were "inseparable". But as she battled with psychological problems, and the strain of losing custody of her older son. Miss Lane apparently broke under the stress.

Steven was found under bushes in his blue track suit on Monday, by a passer-by. He was asleep and shaded from the bright sunshine at the spot where his mother left him three hours earlier, clutching a holdall. She has not been seen since despite a nationwide appeal. The only contact Dorset po-

the have had with Miss Lane was a distressed call on Wednesday from a phone box. She wanted to know how Steven was, but when they told her he was with foster parents in Dorset, missing his mother, and pleaded with her to come

forward, she hung up.

Despite her dedication to her son, Miss Lane's plight was apparently that of a depressive whose desperation was not heeded. She had shown signs of



Missing: Julie Lane, the devoted mother who is thought to have snapped under stress, above, and her home in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire

months, after she moved to Hemel Hempstead in Hertfordshire from Milton Keynes when she split up with her boyfriend, the father of her

The police repeated their appeal for Miss Lane to come forward last night. Inspector Glen Chalk, leading the investigation, said: "We ask Julie to come forward so she can be reunited with her son. She can be

growing strain over the last 18 assured she will be treated with the upmost sympathy.

When her father, George Lane, 62, who lives in Northamptonshire, saw the pictures of Steven on the television news he was shocked to recognise his own grandson. He re-ceived a call from his daughter at 4am on Monday, who told him she had spent a lovely weekend at the coast. He speculated she had "taken a bad turn", and the depression had returned.

Neighbours at Plantation Way in Hemel Hempstead say Miss Lane's odd behaviour had intensified since she moved there. She dyed her hair orange, was allegedly aggressive on one occasion, and they would hear Steven screaming for hours on end without being tended to, prompting neigh-

and the police. Leslie Clark, 40, contacted social services when she heard

him crying for five hours at Easter, from within the terraced council house. She was convinced on one occasion that Miss Lane had barricaded herself into the bedroom when she heard furniture being moved around, and she would worry when she did not Steven for days at a time.

Miss Lane also allegedly told neighbours her older son, Tony, eight, had died. He had been very ill four years ago, and needed open heart surgery, which prompted her to have a nervous breakdown. But Tony is alive and well in Portsmouth where he moved with his father after she lost the custody bat-

tle for him 18 months ago. An inquiry will be held by Hertfordshire social services into Miss Lane's case, but officials denied they had failed to see the danger signs. They also insist she was offered support including help to find Steven a nursery school, which he last attended on Friday, where his carefully was progress monitored.

Liz Railton, Hertfordshire's assistant director of social services, said: "We did take action. We visited on every occasion when neighbours reported their concern. While we would routinely look at any case like this to make sure we did respond, bours to call social services support was clearly given. From our perception it happened out



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Their findings suggest pulses from a four-inch, figure-of-

eight shaped magnet placed over the brain may one day replace electro-convulsive therapy [ECT] and drugs which have unpleasant side-effects as the treatment of choice for profound depression.

The finding, published in The Lancet today, follows development in the 1980s at the University of Sheffield of singlepulsed magnets, which are increasingly used in brain research to stimulate or block arts of its activity. Present options for chronically depressed patients are "dismal", The Lancet said but five 25-minute sessions of treatment over five days with magnet therapy produced pronounced improve-ment for a fortnight in 17 patients treated in a trial at the University of Valencia.

Although the effect of the

time than the three to four months of benefit from ECT (when it works), the results are promising. And, unlike ECI, no seizures are induced, no anaesthesia is required and side-effects are minimal: seven patients reported a minor headache.

Alvaro Pascual-Leone, the neurobiologist who led the study, said they "don't really know" how magnetism treatment works - which applies equally to ECT - "but we think it and different to the study of it works differently.

Profound depression, he said, appears to result from a mis-

match in activity between the two halves of the brain. ECT shuts down the brain with convulsion-producing current, the theory being that the two halves bounce back in better balance. Magnetic treatm only the tiny area of the left prefrontal lobe, the pulses being used to simulate activity in an area known to have abnormally low activity in depression. Professor Alvaro Pascual-

Leone said studies were being done on possible applications in a range of neurological conditions, treatment lasts a much shorter from Parkinson's to epilepsy.









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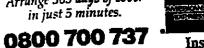
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The face of things to come: An imaginary montage of Tony Blair's Cabinet. Standing from left to right: David Blunkett, George Robertson, Tom Clarke, Donald Dewar, Frank Dobson, David Clark, Chris Smith, Michael Meacher, Margaret Beckett, Harriet Harman, Robin Cook, Clare Short, Jack Cunningham, Marjorie Mowlam, Gordon Brown, Jack Straw, Ann Taylor; seated: John Prescott and Tony Blair

Photograph: Johnathan Anstee

JUAN RENTOUL

This would be the look of a future government under Tony Blair after the Labour leader yesterday made the final adjustments to his election team.

The major changes were the nunishment of the left-winger Clare Short for a series of minor embarrassments and allowing Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, to tighten his grip on Labour's top team.

Ms Short was moved from transport to overseas development. She refused this at first but then accepted it yesterday afternoon when, as a sop, she was offered a place on a new committee to finalise the party's plans to get people "off welfare and into work".

The transport brief was taken by Andrew Smith, previously Mr Brown's Treasury deputy, and not even a member of the elected shadow Cabinet.

Power dreams: The Labour Party team which is looking for glory in the corridors of power man and Chris Smith would be designated "key campaigners" during the election, which will be denied to Ms Short this time.

the shadow Chancellor's plans to revamp child benefit for 16-18-year-olds. Mr Smith took the health portfolio, while Harriet Harman, who secured re-election to the shadow Cabinet on Wednesday, takes social security. She is seen as totally loyal by Mr Blair and Mr Brown.

Mr Brown secured promotion for Alistair Darling, who will shadow the Chief Secretary to the Treasury as his number two, and for Dawn Primarolo. Both Andrew Smith and Mr Darling will attend shadow Cabinet meetings, although neither is an elected member.

Mr Blair boosted David Blunkett, education and employment spokesman, by mov-Mr Brown also secured the ing Michael Meacher, another mittee, chaired by Mr Blunkett removal of Chris Smith from left-winger, to a re-created en-

vironmental protection post. This means demotion for Frank Dobson, a traditional Labourite who polled well in Wednesday's elections. He is left with the local government half of the Environment department brief. Further changes in the middle ranks will be announced today.

Ms Short is believed to have furiously resisted demotion, refusing to accept the overseas development post at a meeting with Mr Blair on Wednesday night, and only agreeing in the second of two phone calls yesterday. The shadow Cabinet changes were intended to be announced early yesterday but were postponed until 4.45pm.

Ms Short accepted a place on a new "welfare to work" com-

Harman and Frank Field. Mr Blair's spokesman said Ms Har-Shadow Cabinet -- Leader - Tony Blair, Deputy leader - John Presentt: Chief Whin - Donald Dewar, Defence, disarrazment and arms control - David Clark; Disabled people's rights - Tom Clarke, UP: Education and ement - David Bhrukett, DOWN: Envi-SIDEWAYS: Environmental pr Heritags - Jack Cunstingham: Northern Ins document ~ Clare Short; Scotland ~ Georg Trade and Industry - Margaret Beckett; Trea-

les - Ron Davies Cabinet - Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster - Derek Foster, UP: Transport - Andrew Smith, UP: Chief Secretary to the

MPs are on holiday – but what did they do for us?

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

After the months of fury, intrigues about the leadership, sackings, reshuffles, and clashes across the despatch boxes at the House of Commons, what has Parliament achieved?

Apart from a few key bills, such as those on nursery vouchers or divorce law reform, the answer will be - very little. This was not a vintage year. It was more the last dregs of a dying Parliament. The legislation was so thin, that inquiries around Whitehall yesterday produced nonplussed respons-

es from various departments. MPs increased their productivity this year by 20 per cent, having passed 34 bills for Roy al Assent, compared to 27 bills in the previous session. They rewarded themselves with a 26 per

cent pay rise. So, is Britain any better for all the legislation passed this year? The attached table provides a guide. The Family Law Act to reform the divorce laws put the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, on trial, as the Act came under all-round Tory attack. It finished its passage in a heavily amended state. Couples whose marriages are irreirievably broken down, may

come to curse these politicians. There was also the last vestige of Thatcherism, with a minor piece of legislation on the right-to-buy for "social housing" tenants, and the Act that gave force to vouchers for nursery education. Little else to suggest muchideological zeal though. In fact, Lady Thatcher complained bitterly about the lack of ideology in this Government when she addressed the 1900 Club, a group of elderly knights of the shires dedicated to the memo-

ry of Tory Party zealots. There was a strong flavour of Majorism to the legislation. Worthy but boring measures included the hill to preserve railway heritage, and the Rating (Caravans and Boats) Act, introduced by John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment.

The small beer included the London Regional Transport Act which allows LRT to raise private finance, and the Government's Deer (Amendment) (Scotland) Act.
Some of the more interesting

legislation came from backbenchers, from Alan Meale's protection of wild animals hill. to the Dogs Fouling of Land Act. Other backbench measures for which 1996 will be noted include the Party Wall etc Act, and the Marriage Ceremony (Prescribed Words) Act. which streamlines that part of the ceremony concerned with lawful impediments. Much of the legislation left

DAYIJGHT - John Butterfill (Con), moving

EMPLOYMENT UPPER AGE LIMITS - David

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURE - Don Touring (Lab) protect whistle-blowers

GENDER IDENTITY - Alex Carifie (Lib Dem) allows transsecuals substitute their birth certifi-

officials in Whitehall understandably lost for words last night when asked to explain some of the bills. The Hong Kong (Overseas Public Servants) Act, which received the Queen's Royal Assent on 29 February, after being taken by both the Commons and the Lords, was described by one Whitehall source as "fairly esoteric". It provides, by the way, pension provision for civil servants after the colony is handed over to the Chinese in 1997.

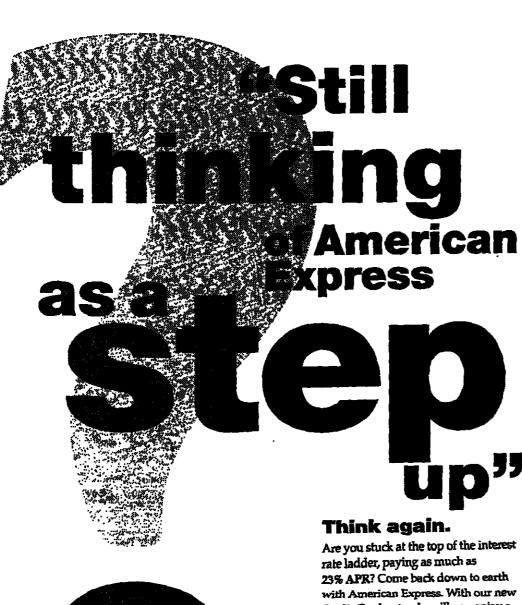
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	AUDIT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) - em- powers Audit Commission to probe local au- thority social services	NZ	•
	ARMED FORCES - discipline, renewed every five years	*** (Soames in a sweat over gays in the ranks)	*** (Government refused amend- ments to allow gays in, but likely to change under Euro courts)
	ASYLUM AND IMMIGRATION - cuts benefits for asylum-seekers	***** (upset Lords, church, judges, MPs etc)	*** (savings amail, but cause out- cry)
	BROADCASTING BILL - cross media ownership for digital TV	•	*** (Murdoch, Daily Mirror lost out)
	CONSOLIDATED PUND, CONSOLIDATED FUND NO 2, puts \$230bn tex receipts into a tund	NU .	**** (Ken Clarke would be broke without it)
	CHANNEL TUNNEL RAIL LINK BILL - go atleed for last track	Ni	*** (one day)
	CRIMINAL PROCEDURE - prosecution and de- lence disclosure of evidence		*** (defence can't ambush prose- cution)
	CHEMICAL WEAPONS - makes it an offence to make chemical weapons	NFI	•
	CIVIL AVIATION AMENDMENT - powers to ar- rest in the air	Na	•
	COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT CORPO- RATION - extended its powers to assist govern- ments with privalisation programmes	Nd	•
	COMMUNITY CARE - cash payments in lieu of community care	Nil	•
	DEFAMATION - allows judges to dispose of defamation cases	Nil	NIL (Unless you are Botham)
	DAMAGES - personal Injury claims	Nii ****	•
	EDUCATION SCOTLAND BILL - nursery youghers etc.		•
	FAMILY LAW - divorce law reform	***** (Backfired on the Government)	**** (weakened by compromise)
ı	FINANCE BILL - outs last Budget into effect, 1p off tax and 15p on cigarettes	****	4* (green shoots?)
	HEALTH SERVICE - ombudsman for com- plaints about GPs	NIL	•
	HUMBER BRIDGE DEBTS - wiped out debts for that bridge	NIL (the by-election was in 1970	
	HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION - right to buy for tenants of new social housing	•	•
	HONG KONG OVERSEAS PUBLIC SERVANTS- provides pensions after 1937 handkiver to Chi-	N4	**** (if you are a HK civil servant)
	northern ireland emergency legisla	** (put Labour on the spot)	** (doubt that it works)
	TION - renewal of anti-terrorism measures NORTHERN IRELAND ENTRY TO NEGOTIA-	**** (historic)	** (IRA resumed violence, Sinn Feln never got to the table)
	TIONS - elections in Ulster NOISE - Harry Greenway (Con), making noise	Nil	"" (if you live in a high rise flat)
	an offence NURSERY EDUCATION AND GRANT-MAIN- TAINED SCHOOLS - vouchers for all lour year	**** (Harriet Harman in troublet	* (may not work)
	olds, and litting bar on borrowing for GM schools.	*** (after killing of teacher)	••
	OFFENSIVE WEAPONS - Lady Olga Maitland (Con) tightens law on knives	Nil	
	RAILWAY HERITAGE - Mark Robinson (Con) conserving records and artelacts	Nil	•
	RESERVE FORCES - allows more flexible use of reservists	**	••
ļ	STUDENT LOANS - allows private loans	Ne	47
	SEXUAL OFFENCES - John Marshall (Con), outlaw sex-tourism, mainly by psedophiles	* (Apart from civil rights, Labour can't complain)	
	SECURITY SERVICE - lets MIS fight crime with police	Nij	(Godsend for writers at The
	TREASURE - Sir Anthony Grant (Con), abolishes treasure trove	Ni	•
	TRADING SCHEMES - Sir Nicholas Scott (Con), controts chain mail and pyramid-selling.	* (shorn of ban on foubunting)	•
	WILD MAMMALS PROTECTION - Alan Meals (Lab), protection from cruelty		** (small step for animalkind)

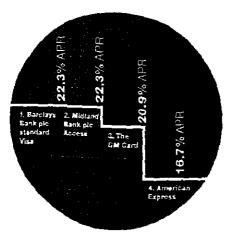
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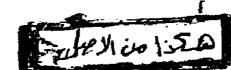




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Charity in crisis: Tea rooms may be booming and membership rising, but tax cuts and falling legacies have eroded income



Trust needs £210m to save stately homes

STEPHEN GOODWIN

The National Trust warned yesterday that it faces an uphill struggle in trying to maintain the great houses in its care. More than £10m is needed to halt the natural deterioration of its most fragile properties.

Three major houses alone need £40m of capital work -Knole in Kent, appropriated by Henry VIII: Petworth, West Sussex, painted by Turner; and Hardwick Hall, Derbyshire, where 400-year-old tapestries the size of several tennis courts are cracking.

With income from legacies falling. Charles Nunneley. chairman of the Trust, appealed to the Government to allow the distributors of lottery money more flexibility to support restoration projects as well as new acquisitions.

Mr Nunneley was speaking at

1995-96 report and accounts, together with the resolutions to be debated at the annual meeting

November. Recent AGMs have been dominated by demands for an end to hunting on Trust land. This year, animal welfare campaigners within the Trust switched their attention to cattle markets, with an attempt to to bar the charity's hundreds of tenant farmers from sending animals to livestock markets. The Trust owns 141,835 hectares of farmland and lets 685 farm tenancies.

A resolution from members, some of whom also belong to the group, Compassion in World Farming, calls on the Trust's council to ensure that all farm animals under its control are "spared the rigours of livestock markets".

It paints a lurid picture of

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ewes and stressed pigs being kicked and beaten by "often poorly-trained drovers". "On stone floors slick with urine and excrement, the animals spend hours awaiting their fate.

The council will oppose the resolution, arguing that there are no satisfactory alternatives to markets. In an accompanying statement, the council points out that since 1995 all new tenancies have included a clause requiring farmers not to treat livestock "in a manner likely to cause unnecessary pain or

But the biggest headache for the Trust is financial. Mr Nunneley said he feared the record results achieved in the Trust's centenary year were "something of a blip". Tea shops were booming and more than 11.6 million people had paid to visit-Trust properties, increasing the £360,000 in lost income.

State of disrepair: Knole (above) and Petworth (above left, in kitchen) need urgent capital work costing millions

Photograph: Brian Hami

revenue surplus from £3.7m to £5.3m, he said. But income from legacies - down from £24.6m in 1994 to £20.4m – and in government support for essential work through English Heritage and the countryside agencies has fallen.

Changes in personal taxation has also hit membership income, the Trust's largest source of revenue. A lp cut in the stan-

Labour fury as inquiry rejects handgun ban

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

Dunblane massacre, has refused to recommend the banning of handguns, causing an outcry from Labour members.

The decision by the majority section of Tory MPs on the House of Commons home af-fairs select committee will be greeted with anger and dismay by relatives of people killed at Dunblane and Hungerford who have been campaigning for handguns to be outlawed.

Labour MPs on the commit-

tee attempted to get the final re-port, which will be published on 12 August, altered on Wednesday but were voted down by Conservative members.

Instead, it is understood that the inquiry will call for tighter licensing laws and closer vetting of gun clubs. Among the recommendations are believed to be calls for new powers to enable police to make more detailed checks on applicants for gun licences. The Conservative members believe an all-out ban is too Draconian a measure and is unlikely to prevent another tragedy such as Dunblane.

The MPs' investigation was launched after Thomas Hamil-ton shot dead 16 children and their teacher at a Scottish pri-mary school in March. Since the tragedy the police, from rank and file members to chief con-stables, have called for a ban on estimated 250,000 weapons.

handguns, which would cover an Labour MPs, who make up five of the 11 members of the

select committee, also support a ban. They want all handguns to be made illegal except in spe-An inquiry by MPs into the iset up after the cided on merit. This would include sports and gr which could prove they had tight security and that all members were properly scrutinised.

A series of amendments was tabled on Wednesday afternoon, the last day before the Commons finished for the summer, at a meeting of all the committee members. Chris Mullin proposed the tougher recommendations on behalf of the Labour MPs but they were rejected by Tory members led by chairman, Sir Ivan Lawrence. Neither Mr Mullin nor Sir Ivan were available for comment yesterday, although Labour MPs are expected to speak out publicly against the committee's final recommen-

dations and their rejected amendments will be included in the published report.

The gun lobby is bound to seize upon the committee's findings and use them as ammunition against any recommendation for a ban on hand-guns by Lord Cullen, whose inquiry into the Dunblane massacre is expected to be published in September.

Gill Marshall-Andrews, coordinator of the Gun Control Network, which includes relatives of people murdered in Dunblane and Hungerford, said: "The network will be deeply concerned if the report contains anything less than proposals for radical reform of the gun laws, including the banning of handguns."





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English schools 'producing under-achievers'

GOUL HINGUL **Education Editor**

English schools have a longer tail of under-achieving pupils than other countries, according to an authoritative study of pupils' performance in science and maths published yesterday. Even by the age of nine, the

gap between the brightest and the dullest is wider than elsewhere, Professor David Reynolds, the author of the study, said.

Prof Reynolds. of Newcastle University, urged schools in England to look at teaching methods in Taiwan and Switzerland in order to reduce the high proportion of pupils who

perform badly.

His review of English pupils' performance compared with those in other countries over the last 30 years, which has been widely leaked, shows that in maths, English pupils lag far behind those in the Pacific Rim. They also failed to match pupils in many European countries. Performance in science is slight-

Prof Reynolds said schools should imitate the motor industry and learn from abroad. The motor industry saved itself from bankruptcy by creating a British blend of elements from other countries," he said.

The report, commissioned by the Office For Standards in Education, suggests that English teaching methods widened the gap between the brightest and dullest pupils. They are too complicated,

rely too much on work sheets and too little on good, wholeclass teaching. In primary schools teachers are too eager to divide children into groups of different ability.

The gap between the worst and best English schools is also wider than in other countries. Differences between schools

account for 12 per cent of pupils' performance in England, compared with only 1 per cent in Taiwan.

The report suggests that children in Pacific Rim countries



trying to bash teachers

Woodhead: may be doing better because all pupils use the same text books, there is more high quality whole-class teaching, more frequent tests, and schools are con-

tinually trying to reduce the "trailing edge" of children. European countries may also have lessons to teach us, the report suggests. Many try to reduce the range of ability in classes by holding pupils down a year or putting them up a year. Our school system differs

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from that in much of Europe, the report points out. They have mixed-ability primary schools, whereas we tend to group children by ability within primary classes. European schools have selection in later years, though none select as early as 11, whereas we have a comprehensive system.

The report paints a gloomy

picture of English pupils' achievements. "Performance in maths is relatively poor overall, but with some strength in data handling and geometry and considerable weakness in arithmetic or number." And it is getting worse. On common questions set in international surveys in the mid-1960s and the mid-1980s, English pupils' per-formance deteriorated.

Only at 17 when the "trailing edge" has dropped out of the system is the performance of Énglish pupils relatively good. Prof Reynolds said that while

cultural differences, such as the higher status of teachers in Taiwan and greater parental commitment to education, could explain some of the variations in pupils' perfor-mance, they could not explain them all.

For example, the most recent research showed that English performance in science was improving. "If we are good in one subject area, as we seem to be increasingly good in science, how can that be in the culture?"

The report concludes: "We would argue that the situation in which England finds itself is so worrying that the risk involved in looking outward and trying new practices is worth taking. Indeed, limited experimentation with non-British practice seems positively overdue."

Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector of Schools, said:
We are not suggesting that
methods that work in one culture can be transplanted in a naive, simple way. This is not an exercise in bashing teachers. It is an attempt to contribute to the debate about standards."



Caesarean section and fetal

monitoring suggest that the Glasgow team could still lower

Midwife care safest for mothers Danish specialist on maternity, says in a leading article that the study has big implications, although relatively high rates of

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

The Government's policy of encouraging midwife-led management of pregnancy and childbirth is safe and effective, a study has demonstrated.

The findings provide reassurance for a programme launched three years ago with only limited evidence of its effectiveness. But, according to the Lancet, which publishes the study today, it also has big implications for many European Union countries, the United States and Canada, where doctor-dominated deliveries are increasing, with attendant risks for pregnant women.

The study involved almost 1,300 women attending the

Glasgow Royal Maternity Hospital, a big teaching hospital which delivers around 5,000 women a year. Many of the women come from socially disadvantaged areas.

The women had been assessed to see whether they were likely to have any complications which could threaten mother or baby. The majority who did not were then allocated on a random basis to shared care, where midwives, hospital doctors and GPs divided the care between them, or to midwife-managed care, where a named midwife managed care up to and including delivery. Mothers and babies did just

as well in the midwife-led programme, or better. The mothers in the midwife programme

interventions. They were less likely to be given drugs to start, labour, to have an episiotomy a cut in the perineum - to ease delivery and were no more likely to have a perineal tear.

Complication rates were similar. A fraction fewer than a third were transferred to medically-managed care; 29 per cent for clinical reasons and just under 4 per cent because they chose to make the change.

Both groups of women were satisfied with their care. But those in the midwife-managed group were more so. They were happier with the choices they were offered, with the information that was given, with the decision-making and with the

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tended to make fewer visits to the doctor and had fewer sense that they were being cared for as individuals. Intriguingly, fewer had raised blood pressure during preg-nancy, a finding which the

Lancet says "suggests that sup-portive midwifery care can, perhaps because of its more relaxed atmosphere, have valuable biological effects". The Glasgow team stressed that the midwife-led service

was integrated within a consultant unit, so the results might have differed in another setting. "There is a need for further studies, to establish whether we would get similar results in a rural unit, or a stand-alone maternity unit," Mary McGinley,

head of maternity services at the Glasgow Royal, said. Dr Marsden Wagner.

its rate of intervention. But the findings, which will bring comfort to the Govern-ment, are of "overriding importance" for North American and EU countries, "where doctors have convinced the public that, although expensive, they are safer than, and to

be preferred to, midwives." The study, Dr Wagner adds, suggests that midwives are "the best lead professional for primary maternity care for the majority of women who have no complications".





Zelda Fitzgerald's art makes a novel return

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

Long scattered and almost forgotten, the vivid paintings of the novelist F Scott Fitzgerald's mentally disturbed wife Zelda are to be belatedly introduced to the world by her granddauehter.

Eleanor Lanahan was inspired to write Zelda, An Illustrated Life after being contacted by a student who was writing a dissertation on Zelda Fitzger-

Her research alerted Ms Lanahan to the whereabouts of many of Zelda's paintings and led her to discover 11 works that her grandmother had painted in therapy exercises in a Baltimore psychiatric clinic.

The book is the first to be devoted to Zelda's art. It is illustrated with dozens of her paintings and gives a frank portrait of the Southern belle who was born in 1900, married Fitzgerald at 20 and was the centre of the Jazz Age until she was diagnosed as a schizophrenic. She was plagued by madness until her death, aged 48, in a fire

at an asylum. In recent years Zelda's fiction, much of it published under the name of her famous husband, has undergone a critical rejuvenation. But her art remains unknown. "[It] has been systematically ignored, even rejected, as a serious subject for evaluation and analysis," writes the art historian Jane Livingston in the book.

Zelda turned to painting after a decade of desperate living, immortalised in her husband's The Great Gatsby. She and Fitzgerald were seen as a

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golden couple. But their dream soured in a morass of drinking. Together they caused so many scenes and passed out so often at parties as to become a kind of national attraction. 'Here come the Fitzgeralds!' their friends exclaimed when they entered a room; before the night was over Scott might well have busted up the furniture, tossed figs at his hostess, or chewed and swallowed a wad of \$20 bills before crumpling to the

floor," the book says. An actress, Laurette Taylor, observed after meeting the couple that she had just seen "the doom of youth itself".

tor described her as "a constitutional, emotionally unbalanced psychopath".

One night on the French Riviera she nearly sped off the Grande Corniche, declaring: "I think I'll turn off here". Another time, she lay down in front of their car and said, "Scott,

drive over me". The Fitzgeralds had a daughter they named Scottie - they had been expecting a boy. For her Zelda did her early paint-

ings of intricate paper dolls.

"Some of them represented the three of us," Scottie wrote. These dolls had wardrobes of which Rumpelstiltskin could

Zelda's obsession with dance.
Often the ballerinas had enlarged limbs: "That's how a ballet dancer feels after dancing," she explained. She also depicted flowers and cityscapes.

But in her mid-thirties her subject matter changed. She had converted to Christianity and was experiencing religious hallucinations. On one work she daubed in red: "Let Him Who Is Without Sin Cast The First

The most accessible paintings are the bright, amusing ones Zelda did for Scottie, based on Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and fairy tales such as

Goldilocks, Hansel and Gretel, and The Three Little Pigs.
Some featured in an exhibi-

tion in her lifetime; but it received disappointing reviews. Several friends bought works but apparently out of pity, for they have all since vanished. In 1940 Scott died. Their

life had proved an ironic comment on Zelda's early observa-tion to her husband: "Both of us are very splashy vivid pic-tures, those kind with the details left out, but I know our colours will blend, and I think we'll look very well hanging beside each other in the gallery of life." lished this month by Abrams.

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Zelda and F Scott Fitzgerald c.1921, with (far left and

above) paper dolls of Zelda and Scott, painted in 1932 for their daughter_ Scottle. The (right),



Channel 5 phone poll provokes calls to police

RICHARD HALSTEAD

Channel 5 has received complaints about the conduct of telephone interviewers and the questions they asked in the 1TV Association's survey - reported in the Independent yesterday - which suggested that Channel 5's plans to retune the nation's videorecorders would fall behind schedule.

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Recipients of the calls said that the interviewers did not identify themselves clearly, and that they asked questions such as: "Is there a man in the house?" and "What is your annual income?"

When people dialled 1471 afterwards to find out the number of the caller, they found that the function had been disabled.

Industry guidelines state that canvassers must identify which company they are calling from, and give a return telephone number. However, they allow canvassers to conceal the name of the client company, and to ask detailed and sometimes personal questions.

Kurt Thompson, the Taylor Nelson executive overseeing

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the ITV survey, confirmed that would lose £30m in advertising it had included questions designed to get a balance between men and women and between income groups, but he maintained that his canvassers had conducted the research

within the guidelines. There was nothing sinister about the questions we asked,"

Last night Channel 5 would Some people also complained to the police, though a remained confident they would spokesman would not confirm be on the air by January. But, privately, executives are understood to be increasingly annoyed at what they see as a concerted campaign to undermine a potential competitor. Goldman Sachs recently estimated that the ITV companies

revenues in Channel 5's first year on air. The chairman of the ITVA,

Barry Cox, said the survey "was not part of a dirty tricks campaign" against Channel 5. He added: "We have an entirely legitimate commercial interest in finding out how their retuning efforts are going."

Next Monday Channel 5 is

due to outline its plans for retuning videorecorders in 10 million homes across the country, starting in September. Before me c broadcasting, it must satisfy the Independent Television Commission that 90 per cent of viewers within its reception area can tune in.

DAILY POEM

The Lake Isle of Innisfree

By WB Yeats

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee, And live alone in the bee-loud glade

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow;
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket

sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore; While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey, I hear it in the deep heart's core.

Years's early poems appear in the Phoenix 60p series under the title Sailing to Byzanium. His most melodious work is here the title Sailing to Byzanium. His most melodious work is here — "The Wild Swans at Coole", "The Tower" and "He wishes for the Cloths of Heaven" — interwoven with passionate verse for the revolutionary Maud Gonne and fired lyricism for Ireland's heroic character in the face of civil war.





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Israel boosts West Bank settlers



The Israeli government plans to increase the number of settlers on the West Bank by 50,000 by lifting the restrictions on construction imposed by the last government. The move of settlers into areas Palestinians hoped would form part of their autonomous enclave undermines fundamentally the land-for-peace formula which is the basis for

the Oslo accords. The settlements will be built along a system of bypass roads which Israel has constructed throughout the West Bank, which avoid Palestinian towns and villages, according to Israeli press reports. A first step will be to populate 1,500 empty housing as well as continuing

nillion Palestinians on the West Bank and the 140,000 Israeli settlers is at the heart of the conflict in the Middle East. Benjamin Netanyahu, the newly elected prime minister, and his government see the West Bank as the Land of Israel given by

God to the Jews.

The plan will pivot around the lifting of the freeze and restrictions on settlement construction which were emplaced by the Labour government," says the daily Haaretz. "Government sources estimate that in this way it will be possible to enlarge the number of Israelis in the territories by adding some 50,000 residents." The US will be informed of any new settlement being built. Mr Netanyahu is quoted as telling

building in existing settlements.

The friction between the 1.3

President Bill Clinton: "I'll update you in advance. We will

Previous statements by Mr Netanyahu suggest that the new settlement activity will be largely funded privately and not by the government. This shows the Prime Minister's tactical agility since Israelis living in Israel have resented in the past money lavished on settlements by the state which they would prefer to have spent on

services for themselves. The so-called bypass roads are more ambitious than their name suggests since they form a system of highways much superior in quality to the roads used by the Palestinian population. North of the Palestinian enclave of Ramallah yesterday buildozers and trucks were carving through the soft brown rock

does foresee some division of authority in the West Bank between Israel and the Palestinian Authority the expansion in the number of settlers will limit the size of the Palestinian enclaves. Mr Netanyahu wants areas of the West Bank retained for security reasons to be used

for settlements. Netanyahu believes that settlement create facts with respect to the final status agreement [with the Palestinians]. says Nahum Barnea, the Israeli columnist. The creation of facts on the ground is a tried and true principle which runs through Zionist history, and it now applies to Judea and Samaria [West Bank]

The same suspicion has presumably occurred to Yasser

may try to compensate for deteriorating relations with Tel Aviv by seeking a new under-

standing with Damascus. Mr Netanyahu met Dennis Ross, the American peace coordinator vesterday in Jerusalem to discuss Syria,the Palestinians and the "Lebanon First option whereby Israel would withdraw from a neu-tralised South Lebanon under the control the Lebanese government. It is unlikely, however, that Syria, as the predominant power in Lebanon, would favour a plan which would free Israel of its costly enlanglement there. Israel is making clear that it will respond to attacks by Hizbollah guerrillas by bombing Syrian military positions in Lebanon.

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Investigators hope to hear crash voices

New York — Investigators were daring to hope yesterday for their first clues into what befell TWA flight 800 before its fiery crash into the Atlantic more than week ago, after divers at last retrieved the aircraft's "black boxes" from the ocean

The boxes, actually painted orange, were flown to the head-quarters of the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in Washington for analysis. One is a voice recorder with tapes of cockpit conversations; the other should carry data on the Boeing 747's mechanical status at the time of the accident off the New

The discovery of the boxes represented the first major breakthrough in an investigation that has otherwise been agonisingly slow in producing results. The overriding question still remained: was the aircraft brought down by sabotage or by some extraordinary mechanical failure? If sabotage is determined, how was it perpetrated, by a bomb or possibly even by a missile?

There was some optimism that the first results from the analysis of the recorders might become available within hours. even as early as last night. "The tapes were in good condition." said Bernard Loeb, an official at the NTSB in Washington. "We hope to have information off both recorders today".

However, officials cautioned against expecting too much from the tapes. If they were disabled at the same instant that the tragedy occurred, for instance, they may offer little to investigators. "I can't even say if the recorders will yield that information," Mr Loeb added.

The hitherto crawling pace both of the investigation and of the task of recovering bodies from the wreckage has led to outbursts of bitterness from friends and relatives of the victims staying at a hotel close to John F Kennedy airport, New York. Of the 230 who perished in the crash, the bodies of 114 had been recovered by yesterday morning and 95 had been identified.

Agony goes on as TWA team bank on 'black boxes', reports **David Usborne**

Yesterday, President Bill Clinton and the First Lady, Hillary Rodham Clinton, visited the hotel to offer sympathy to those who had lost family members. Those present at the meeting said the First Lady cried as she talked to those still waiting for news of their lost ones.

Mr Clinton, meanwhile, was set later yesterday to announce a new regime of security measures for all flights within the United States. The US has lagged behind most European countries in introducing strict security checks in its domestic airports. Vice President Al Gore was set to head a new commission to oversee the tightening of security at all US

Among the immediate steps likely to be taken will be a requirement that all baggage ling within the US is in future matched to passengers hoarding aircraft as well as new arrangements to ensure that all bags, both hand luggage and that checked in, are subjected

to X-ray inspections. In a diplomatic move stemming from the downing of Pan-Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, eight years ago, the US, Britain and France meanwhile circulated a letter at the United Nations yesterday claiming that sanctions subsequently imposed on Libya for its role in the attack are being par-tially ignored by countries around the world.

It identified China and Lebanon among countries that have allowed Libya's diplomatic presence in their capitals to rise, as well as Jordan and Egypt, among others, for illegally allowing Libya to operate offices in their capitals for the state airline, Libyan Arab Airlines.



Looking for clues: An official checks one of the 'black boxes' retrieved yesterday from the crash scene

cluding 40-year-old Jorge Luis

Cabrera, nicknamed "el Gordi-

to" (the fat man), whose fami-

ly owns a lobster and erab

business in the Florida Keys.

The main basis for the sup-

posed Castro link was alleged

to be photographs found in a

suspect's car at the scene of the

bust, said to show "the fat man"

posing with Mr Castro. Mr Cabrera's lawyer said his

client had visited Havana as a

freelance photographer/re-

porter for a Spanish-language

Florida weekly. It seemed high-ly improbable that the shrewd

Mr Castro would pose with a

man with whom he was ar-

ranging a drug deal, or that the man or his alleged accomplices would carry such photographs

Castro implicated in massive cocaine smuggling operation Americans were detained, in-"Investigators have not been

PHIL DAVISON

Drug traffickers arrested in Miami have told investigators they smuggled almost three tons of cocaine - worth around £30m on the street - through Havana with the approval of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, the Miami Herald reported yesterday.

The paper quoted unnamed sources close to the investigation" as saying that evidence against Mr Castro was "already greater than the evidence that led to the drug indictment of former Panamanian strong man Manuel Noriega in 1988". The US invaded Panama the following year and snatched Gen Noriega, who he is now serving

a 40-year sentence in America. The drugs are said to have arrived in Havana aboard a Colombian freighter which offloaded a cargo of soap, toothpaste, shampoo and toilet paper - scarce because of the US embargo. Protected by a Cuban gunboat, the drugs were shifted to power boats which then sped to the Florida Keys 90

A Cubun embassy spokesman in Washington described the Herald report as "an outra-geous lie". Pro-Castro Cubans



said that the front page story was aimed at "staining" the Cuban leader on the eve of Cuba's biggest national holiday, on which Mr. Castro usually on which Mr Castro usually gives his state-of-the nation adgives his state-of the nation address. It marks July, 1953, on which Mr Castro initially launched his rebellion with an attack on a Havana military barracks, six years before his revolution from the statement. olution finally trainphed.

The Herald story went on to

leged drug trafficking.
The Miami Herald often leans towards Florida's large eral politics. following a tip about smuggled Cuban Cohiba eigars, raided a warehouse and found nearly

able to obtain a 'smoking gun' that establishes Castro's in-

volvement, adding that he was unlikely to be named in an in-

Mr Castro's brother Raul, head of the Caribbean island's armed forces, has been named

in previous US narcotics in-

dictments. At Gen Noriegn's tri-

al, former Colombian drug baron Carlos Lehder, himself

serving a long term in the US, testified that Raul Castro had

given him permission to smug-gle cocaine to the US via Cuba. Both Castro brothers have

dismissed such reports as anti-

Cuban propaganda. Four senior Cuban army officers and intel-

ligence officials were executed

after a show trial in 1989 for al-

community of vehemently anti-Castro Cubans who fled the 1959 revolution, many of them influential in Florida and fed-The drug arrest took place in Miami in January when police.

The Herald may have hit the nail on the head when, later in its story, it said that some of the alleged traffickers had begun cooperating with prosecutors in the spring, several months after the arrest.

in their car.

"The incentive was great," the article said. "Implicating Castro could give the defendants great leverage in getting their sentences reduced or three tons of cocaine. One Colombian and several Cuban avoiding prosecution altog-

Jilted doctor 'gave woman HIV jab'

DAVID USBORNE New York.

Louisiana of a doctor who is accused of retaliating against a long-time girlfriend who was trying to break off the relationship by injecting her with HIV-infected blood that he drew from one of his

Dr Richard Schmidt is being charged with attempted seconddegree murder of his girlfriend. a 33-year-old nurse, in a case that is gripping the Louisiana city of Lafayette, where he practised gastroenterology.

According to prosecutors, Dr Schmidt committed the crime in 1994 out of fury at his girlfriend who had been trying in vain to break off their 10-year

relationship. The woman, who has not been identified, had for years been voluntarily accepting injections of vitamins from the doctor to help with fatigue. Lafayette police allege that

Dr Schmidt drew blood from a patient he was treating who had the HIV virus, which causes the disease Aids, and took it to the woman's home.

He told her that the syringe contained Vitamin B12 and

urged her to let him perform the injection.

Prosecutors said the woman was in bed at the time and refused to agree to the injection. But the doctor allegedly insisted and injected her against her wishes.

Before she could do any-

thing more, he jabs her in the left arm." Michael Harson, a US District Attorney, told the court. "She never even sees the

hypodermic. Next thing, he's leaving almost immediately". The woman, who had

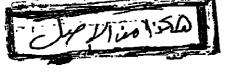
no further contact with Dr Schmidt, later underwent a blood test which confirmed that she was carrying the HIV The charges against Dr Schmidt will be upgraded to sce-

ond-degree murder if in the meantime she develops Aids Lawyers for the doctor insist

that he is innocent and the woman is pursuing a vendetta to bring him down.

During a prison visit, his wife recently declared: He is a good man. He is not capable of doing this. People won't know all the

good that he has done, and now this. He is ruined.



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Burundi in chaos: Tutsi-led army installs new president in Bujumbura and fear of another Rwanda haunts the UN

Spectre of civil war looms as troops seal off capital in coup

DAVID ORR

Gunfire and grenades yesterday sounded around Bujumbura, capital of the central African state of Burundi, in the wake of a military coup. The country has been teetering on the brink of chaos since the President went into hiding and the government began to disintegrate this

Now that the Tutsi-led army has installed a new regime, the spectre of ethnic conflict looms ever larger over Burundi.

Amid growing panic yesterday afternoon, Defence Minister Firmin Sinzoyiheba announced that the army was installing former President Pierre Buyoya in the office of President.

The streets were all but deserted as armoured personnel carriers and troop transporters raced about the city. All roads into Bujumbura were sealed off and inhabitants were ordered to go indoors. The TV and radio station was occupied by the military, while outgoing telephone communications were blocked. A member of the Hutu com-

munity, returning on the last flight into the capital, said: "I'm going back to my death."

Belgium, the former colonial power, has put paratroopers on standby to evacuate the hundreds of Belgian citizens living in the capital. Earlier in the day the United Nations, which has been stressing the urgency of foreign intervention in the Burundian crisis, ordered all nonessential UN personnel to leave the stricken country.

The Defence Minister came on the radio to say that the decision had been taken because of the grave unrest countrywide.

'In consideration of the fact that President Ntibantunganya effectively resigned, in consideration of the genocide prevailing in the country and given that no solution has been found among the politicians," said the Defence Minister, the army has decided to introduce the new measures."

The parliament and all political parties have been dissolved. Demonstrations and strikes have been made illegal. The airport and borders have been closed. The capital is now subject to a curfew from 7pm to

on these strictures. Those who break the law," said the Defence Minister, "will punished very severely.

Pierre Buyova, the newly installed President, is a member of the Tutsi minority. He was President of Burundi from 1987 until 1993, when he lost the country's first multi-party elections to Melchior Ndadaye from the Hutu majority. In October 1993, within months of the largely Hutu Frodebu party

Ntibantunganya: Resigned

Those who break the law will be punished very severely'

 Defence Minister Firmin Sinzoyiheba

winning the poll. Burundi's first freely elected Hutu president was assassinated. The Tutsiled military coup was a failure, but more than 50,000 people were slaughtered in the fighting which followed. Since then Burundi has been sunk in of ethnic conflict which threatens to engulf the country in genocide and civil war similar to that which caused the death of up to 1 million people in

neighbouring Rwanda in 1994. Hundreds of people are being killed every month in ethnic fighting, some by Hutu rebels, others by Tutsi extremists. Following last weekend's massacre at Bugendena in central Burundi, another massacre

5am. No time limit has been put of Tutsis by Hutu rebels has been reported at Rumonge, 40 miles south of the capital. The number of casualties is un-

Repeated calls by the UN for a peace-keeping force to be de-ployed in Burundi have gone unanswered by the international community.

A regional security initiative, agreed by the country's leaders at a summit in Tanzania last month, was stalled by the government that has just been overthrown. President Sylvestre Ntiban-

tunganya has not yet emerged from the US ambassador's residence, where he sought sanctuary with his wife on Tuesday evening. Mr Nubantunganya was nearly lynched on Tuesday afternoon at the funeral of 350 members of the minority Tutsi community massacred by Hutu extremists last weekend.

There were rumours that the President was about to seek asylum in neighbouring Tanzania. But a US embassy spokes-person confirmed yesterday that Mr Ntibantunganya was still in the capital and would remain in the ambassador's residence for the time being. The US has repeatedly warned the Tutsi-dominated army that it will not tolerate a coup in Burundi, and will not recognise any regime installed by force.

Before the coup, Hutu ministers in the doomed government sought sanctuary in European embassies in the capital. The Speaker of Parliament, Leonce Nyendakumana, and the Foreign Minister, Venerand Bakevyumusaya, are understood to be in the German embassy. The Minister of Finance, Salvator Toyi, is in hiding at the residence of the European Commission's head of delegation. The Belgian emhas received Mrs Ndadaye, widow of the assassinated president. The president of the Frodebu party, Jean Minani, has

President Ntibantunganya had told his American host that he wished to remain in office, and in the last few days he has been pleading with the military not to intervene. However, by yesterday, as he failed to come out of hiding, his position had clearly become untenable.

fled to Kenya.



Despair: Two girls, whose mother was one of more than 300 civilians killed by Hutu rebels in the central Gitega
Photograph: Corinne Dufka/Reuter
province, comforting each other after identifying her body

Bagaza, whose 1977 land reforms put an end to

net divided between the two tribes, giving Hutus

en by Melchior Ndadaye, a Hutu who gamered

most of the votes of his majority tribe allowed to

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staged a failed coup in October 1993, assassinat-

Ndadaye's murder unleashed a wave of Hutu-Tut-

Cyprien Ntaryamira, a Hutu who succeeded Nda-

daye, was killed on 6 April 1994 along with Rwar-

attack on their plane. Sylvestre Ntibantunganya, a

Hutu, became interim president from April and was

dan President Juvenal Habyarimana in a rocket

swom in as president in September 1994 in a

power-sharing deal called the Convention.

naming the first Hutu premier since 1965.

ing Ndadaye and other leading Hutus.

50,000 people were killed.

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In the first free elections, in 1993, he was beat-

Tutsi feudal overloros. Pierre Buyoya, who ousted Bagaza in a bloodless coup in 1987, named a Cabi-

Western nations loath to intervene

DAVID USBORNE New York

The United Nations Security Council agonised yesterday over what to do to prevent the turmoil in Burundi exploding into all-out civil war as the main Western powers continued to show no willingness to contribute ground troops to

any intervention force.

The Council is haunted by events in neighbouring Rwanda in 1994, when conflict between the Hutu and Tutsi tribes led to the massacre of hundreds of thousands, Neither has it forgotten the largely disastrous UN peace-keeping efforts in Somalia and Liberia. The UN Secretariat has,

meanwhile, said it is trying to assemble a military force which could be sent to Burundi to restore order and prevent further killings

The effort is being led by the Under-Secretary-General for Peace-keeping, Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian, who envisages a force of perhaps 20,000 soldiers that could attempt to create areas in which members of the different tribes could find

"We have to move very quickly before everything blows up in our faces," Mr Arman said



Clinton: Cautious

in New York.

'As it is, history will judge us rather severely for Rwanda. I don't think we can repeat that experience in Burundi. What we need and what we are seeking now is the political will to act." He suggested that any force should be UN-funded.

However, Mr Annan knows that without the commitment of troops and military leadership by one of the Western powers, preferably the United States, together a sufficiently credible force will be difficult.

He noted that the UN erred in both Somalia and Bosnia in the early stages of both operations by sending in only 50 unarmed observers.

So far, however, there is still no sign of any Western government reversing public statements vowing to keep their troops out of Burundi. The US and Britain have sent military experts to the area and have offered to provide logistical and transport assistance should any force be created.

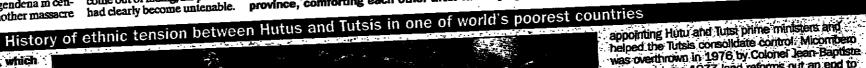
"It is the Somalia-Liberia scenario all over again," a Western diplomat said. "Nobody in Burundi wants outside intervention, so do you impose yourself? And if you do, what is your mission when you

get there?" President Bill Clinton, who faces elections this year, will be especially cautions of involvement in Burundi.

After weeks of canvassing governments about a peace keeping force, Mr Annan has so far mustered commitments for a battalion each from Malawi, Chad and Zambia.

He hopes additional troops can be provided by the countries most involved in regional political efforts to find a settlement, namely Ethiopia, Tanzania and Uganda.

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These are some key facts about Burundi, which was yesterday in the throes of a coup, after a massacre at the weekend in which more than 300 civilians died.

POPULATION: An estimated 5.6 million. The largest tribe is the Hutu, who account for about 85 per cent. The Tutsi make up about 15 per cent. There are small numbers of the pygmy Twa. Hutus and Tutsis speak the same language. Discrimination in favour of the Tutsis assure them control of government and army for most of the time since independence from Belgium in 1962.

RELIGION: More than 60 per cent of the people are Christian, mostly Catholic. The rest mainly follow traditional religions, although 1 per cent of the population is Muslim.

CAPITAL: Bujumbura, population about 180,000. Most Burundians live in the densely-populated countryside.

ARMED FORCES: The army has about 22,000 men. The 150-man air force has three combat aircraft while a navy of 50 men has three patrol



On the run: Demonstrators in the streets of Bujumbura yesterday boats. There is also a 1,500-man gendamierie.

Tutsis dominate the security forces. ECONOMY: It is one of the world's poorest countries with per capita income estimated by the

World Bank at \$259 (£170) a year.

HISTORY: Tribal hatred has exploded several times since independence. An estimated 100,000

people, mainly Hutus, were messacred in 1972.

Burundi was governed by Tutsi military men after Captain Michel Micombero overthrew King Ntare V in 1966. Micombero ended the system of alternately



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Within three hours two accidents hit one of Ukraine's five nuclear power stations, killing a man, causing contamination and sparking new worries about safety to the Champhal disaster. A more diad of the champhal disaster. 10 years after the Chernobyl disaster. A worker died of burns and other injuries when a pipe carrying steam broke and struck him at the Khmelnitsky station in western Ukraine. In a second incident, a staff error caused radioactive water to leak in to, and contaminate, a nitrogen storage area. Reuter - Kiev

The jury in Australia's backpacker murder trial spent its second night confined to a Sydney hotel last night as they worked towards a verdict on Ivan Milat, the 51-year-old road worker charged with the murders of seven backpackers, including two British women, Caroline Clarke and Joanne Walters, and with the kidnapping of another Briton, Paul Onions. Robert Milliken - Sydney

Chinese officials sent out more volunteers yesterday to reinforce exhausted troops lining the Yangtze river as it threatened to burst its banks. Floods have already killed it threatened to burst its banks. Floods have already killed more than 1,100 people. In north-west Xinjiang, officials airmore than 1,100 people.

inutes after he was stunned by a bolt of lightning Vinutes after he was stunned by a bolt of lightning that knocked him down in a street, a Namibian man was struck and killed by a passing car. The Namibian said that David Mushikele, 26, died instantly when hit by the vehicle, which then sped away. AP – Windhock

Defending his advice to drink bleach, a Hong Kong Christian sect-leader, said: "The Bible has reference to living water ... rain has hydrogen peroxide." The Rev Leung Vatarah war addressing a packed new conference at his Yat-wah was addressing a packed news conference at his Church of Zion, having caused a stir for telling his followers that hydrogen peroxide could cure everything, from sore throats to Aids. He took no heed of warnings from doctors about the dangers. Reuter - Hong Kong

Amentally handicapped Italian had his disability pension cancelled when he told doctors his favourite soccer star was Fiorentina's Argentine striker, Gabriel Batistuta.
Antonio Criscuolo, 20, had been receiving 750,000 lire (£312) a month since the age of five, but doctors on a review panel decided to withdraw the money on the grounds that he was obviously capable of receiving and retaining information. Reuter - Rome

Indonesia fears a crackdown

Jakarta — "Before the trouble started, this place used to be very clean," my guide to the headquarters of the Indonesian Democratic Party (PDI), assured me. "But there are three, sometimes four hundred people sleeping here now and it's become, well, rather dirty."

This was a considerable un-derstatement. The high, tiled rooms of the bungalow are sickly with the smoke of clove cigarettes, and the meeting rooms are a clutter of orange peel and empty pop bottles. Grubby youths in red T-shirts and berets sleep sprawled on mats on the floor, and in a chaotic front office, middleaged party workers manocuvre between fax machines, bags of rice, and megaphones.

Posters and slogans cover the walls, and red banners are draped over the compound's metal gates. The party emblem, a black ox with long horns, and the portrait of a dark-haired woman wearing a white headscarf, are everywhere. "The illness of democracy can be cured by MORE democracy", reads one slogan. "More democracy in Indonesia

is Megawati and her followers' struggle", says another. The PDI's bungalow looks like a building under siege. The reason is that for the past month it has been at the centre of a bitter dispute which began as a leadership squabble, and rapidly escalated into a serious challenge to Indonesia's

30-year-old government.
The trouble began a month ago at the PDI's official Congress on Sumatra. Politically, Indonesia is a cunningly bred hybrid, a one-party state legit-imised by its tolerance of a lim-

Opposition may pay high price for defying Suharto, reports **Richard Lloyd Parry**

ited party system. For three decades, the country's politics have been dominated by Golkar, which styles itself as a "functional group", but is, to all intents and purposes, the ruling party. Only two other groups participate in elections - the Muslim United Development Party, and the Christianoriented PDI.

The opposition parties, like the elections, are closely controlled. In1993 the PDI elected, as chairman of the party, Megawati Sukamoputri, after the government got rid of the previous incumbent. The newcomer, however, is the daughter of a national hero, the former president, Sukarno, who was replaced by President Suharto after a coup in 1965.

Ms Megawati's growing pop-ularity quickly made her even more of a headache than her predecessor. So, at the end of last month, the government turned the tables once again and had the former PDI chairman, Suryadi, re-instated.

The clumsiness of this move says a lot about the growing confusion in the government of President Suharto who, at 75, has been rumoured for some time to be losing his touch. Now PDI members all over the coun-



try are rallying in support of PDI executive committee. their ousted leader, occupying the PDI headquarters, and, irritating not just the govern-ment but the military, too.

Beneath the facade of stage-managed democracy, the Suharto regime has a long. grim record of snuffing out challenges to its power. Mangara Siahaan, a member of the Megawati because they know

emphasised the party's loyalty to Suharto, but stressed that they wanted their "independence, the right to organise the party without government interference".

A younger man at the bun-galow cut in: "We are tired of them. They are afraid of

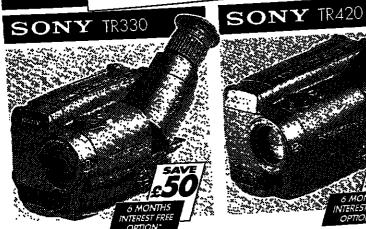
she is like a snowball, becoming greater and greater. Suryadi is just a puppet, and Suharto is greedy and afraid.
The Indonesian government

has been on its best behaviour this week while 25 foreign ministers gathered in Jakarta for the meeting of the Asean regional forum on security. But now the visitors have left, the

army will make its move on the PDÍ headquarters. There are lots of police

already outside the bungalow. and the boys in the red berets are sharpening their bamboo sticks. "Our fight is with Survadi, nobody else," said my guide. -We're not ighting the government, nor the army.

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Army masses for assault on Tigers The army confirmed its planes were hitting guerrilla Colombo (Reuter) - Tamil Tiger rebels said yesterday that positions. The Tigers said that Sri Lankan troops were massair force bombers, helicopter ing for a major offensive against

guerrilla bases close to an army camp overrun by the separatist organisation last week. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam estimated 2,000 troops had massed on a beachhead a mile from the north-eastern garrison at Mullaitivu.

Troop reinforcements are now consolidating their position in preparation for a major counter-offensive," said the statement from London.

gunships and naval gunboats were attacking their positions

but with few casualties.

LTTE fighting units are well positioned with heavy weapons to meet the imminent offensive which might take place soon," the statement said. Troops recaptured the base on Wednesday after the camp was overrun by the Tigers last week. Both sides say hundreds died in the week-long battle, one of the

ethnic war. Meanwhile, Sri Lankan police detained 27 suspected

Tamil rebels for questioning after two bombs killed at least 78 commuters and injured at least 450 on a packed train in Colombo on Wednesday. The state-run Observer newsaper said the suspects were held following a police raid in the predominantly Tamil district

of Wellawette in Colombo. Police suspect the bombs were in three briefcases in the train.

The Tigers' statement from

fiercest in Sri Lanka's 13-year London said that the government was trying to whip up anti-Tamil emotions by blaming the guerrillas, fighting for a separate homeland for minority Tamils

in the north and east. Even though the accusing finger is pointed by the government at the LTTE, there are interested parties within the Sinhala ruling establishment who feel the need to raise chauvinistic hysteria in order to facilitate

the military option," it said. "We also wish to reiterate that it is not the policy of the LTTE to attack civilian targets."

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Victims of apartheid lose right to put killers on trial

Johannesburg — The families of the murdered anti-apartheid activists Steve Biko and Griffiths Mxenge yesterday lost their bid to insist that crimes committed in the apartheid era must remain punishable by law.

alt on Tiger

The landmark ruling by the Constitutional Court means the Truth and Reconciliation Commission can continue to offer an amnesty - and indemnity from criminal charges and civil claims - to torturers and murderers from the apartheid era if they come forward voluntarily, freely confess and can prove that their crimes were politically motivated.

The relatives of Mxenge and Biko were among five families to challenge the constitutionality of the Commission, which was set up by the Government of National Unity in order to uncover the truth about the apartheid years and heal a

divided nation. The families, whose relatives were all aliegedly murdered by the government security forces, argued that the Commission was an instrument of political expediency and that its amnesty powers robbed them of a chance to obtain real justice through the criminal and civil

They said the state was ignoring its obligation under international law to "criminalise, prosecute and punish war crimes and crimes against huAmnesty wrecks hopes of activists' families, writes Mary Braid



manity". Instead, after a few tears and an apology to the relatives, the guilty men have walked free.

For the last three months, at emotional public hearings throughout the country, victims and perpetrators have told harrowing stories of brutality. In their unanimous ruling the 10 Constitutional Court judges said without an amnesty there would be a "disincentive for the disclosure of the truth".

Mosibudi Mangena, president of Azapo, the black power organisation which backed the court challenge, said yesterday that the families were



"very sad" about the decision but that action in the international courts would be consid-

Biko's widow, Ntsiki, 49, said she was "very frustrated". In 1977 her husband, then the young leader of the black consciousness movement which had swept South Africa's townships, was almost beaten to death by police officers before being driven 700 miles to a jail in Pretoria where he then died.

Mxenge's brother, Churchill. was also bitterly disappointed. His brother, Griffiths, a civil rights lawyer, was stabbed 40 times and had his throat cut after stopping to help some men who pretended that their car had broken down.

Last week, after months of lobbying, Churchill Mxenge had the satisfaction of seeing Dirk Coetzee, a former security forces captain, being charged along with four others for his brother's murder. However, the Constitutional Court's judgment appears to undermine the chances of that case ever reaching the courts.

Mr Coetzee confessed in 1989 to playing a part in Mx-enge's murder. But he was nev-er charged. The South African government denied Mr Coetmurder and many others were carried out by governmentbacked hit squads.

Mr Coetzee defected to the ANC before making his confessions. He has since rejoined the security forces as an ANC appointee and applied months ago for amnesty. He was waiting for his submission to be considered when he was charged. He has warned that his predicament may prevent other security forces personnel from coming forward.

Yesterday's judgement opens the way for the Commission's amnesty committee to announce the findings of the applications it has already heard.

Six die in Turkish hunger strike

Anakara (Reuter) - The death toll in Turkey's two-month prison hunger strike rose to six yesterday, turning the spotlight on the country's human rights tors of human rights crimes record.

The six were part of a group of more than 300 left-wingers in around 30 jails who have pledged to fast to the death to demand the closure of Eskisehir prison - dubbed the Coffin by inmates - and protest against general prison

conditions. Dozens of hunger-strikers were reported by lawyers to be in a critical condition. So far, there has been little discussion of force feeding the inmates partly out of fear of sparking

widespread prison unrest. Human rights workers said Mujdat Yanat, 37, died in Turkey's western Aydin prison, where he was serving an 18-year sentence for armed left-wing ac-

Earlier, inmate Ali Ayata died in Bursa prison, and Huseyin Demircioglu starved himself to death in Ankara central prison, according to lawyers and rights activists. Three other hunger strikers died earlier this week.

The prisoners and their lawyers also accuse prison officials of dispersing left-wing prisoners across the country, depriving them of family visits and Justice Minister Sevket

Kazan, criticised by prisoners' families for an apparent lack of will to stop the protest, promised that jails would soon be back to normal. "We will bring peace to the

prisons as soon as possible," he said at a municipal ceremony in Istanbul. He did not say what measures would be taken. "The Government's Disgrace," said secularist daily,

Milliyet on its front page, high-

lighting the risks for Turkey's new Islamist-led coalition. Mr Kazan, of the Islambased Welfare Party, has so far refused to close Eskisehir, saying conditions there exceeded Western standards, and

arguing that its individual cells kept leftist prisoners under Most Turkish prisons rely on

large open wards, which officials say are difficult to monitor.

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Central Europe Correspondent

The Czech Prime Minister, Vaclav Klaus, yesterday heaved a sigh of relief as his centre-right coalition government survived a crucial vote of confidence almost two months after a general election saw it narrowly lose its overall majority. The outcome of the vote

was in doubt right to the end and was only made possible by mass abstentions by the opposition Social Democrats, who hold the balance of power.

Yesterday's triumph makes Mr Klaus the only conservative leader from Central Europe to

lowing the fall of Communism

But although his position in the saddle has thus been confirmed, he faces a bumpy ride.

"The confidence vote was just the beginning," said Jiri Pehe, research director at the Praguebased Open Media Research Institute. "Now the real battles are going to begin - and they be fought over each new

Under a deal brokered by President Vaclay Havel, the Social Democrats agreed to "tolerate" the Klaus-led government in exchange for several key parliamentary positions.

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terday's vote, party leaders were making it clear that they expected some real influence over policy.

In the government pronow formally approved, the priorities include pressing for early Czech membership of the European Union and Nato and more privatisa-tion, deregulation and liberalisation of prices. It also cites lowering inflation and cutting

income-tax levels as key goals. While in broad agreement with the general thrust of the programme, the Social Democrats are opposed to many of its details, in particu-

fees at universities and patient contributions for health care, now funded by the state.

Opposition MPs are also angered by government plans to return to the Catholic Church more than 430,000 acres of forest land confiscated during the Communist takeover in

With Mr Klaus's coalition holding 99 of the parliament's 200 seats, its position will be in constant jeopardy and it will find itself forced to adopt more moderate positions.

The same will be true of the Prime Minister, a man not known for his fondness for

compromise and someone who makes no secret of his admiration for Baroness Thatcher. right down to sharing some of

This should clear up the un-

certainty among the perpetra-

about the extent of the

amnesty's provisions. So far

the Commission has had a soft-

ly-softly approach to perpetra-

tors of crimes and there has

been widespread criticism that

off if the numbers do not rise.

Perpetrators risk their names

coming up at hearings and

being ordered to appear before

the Commission. Those who

have to be coerced face prose-

appeal in the Supreme Court

last month, which allowed it to

name the perpetrators of hu-

man rights violations at public

hearings without prior warning

The latest challenge to the

Commission had only a slim

chance of success, as the

establishment of the Commis-

sion and the amnesty provisions

in particular were crucial

components of South Africa's

to compensate victims of crimes

and their families, but with so

many abuses to investigate,

cases of financial reparation.

The Commission has powers

negotiated settlement.

being given to the accused.

It is the second legal victory

cution in the criminal courts.

The gloves are likely to come

too few have come forward.

In the short-term Mr Klaus's government is likely to survive cause there is no credible alternative. Despite having 61 seats, the Social Democrats have categorically ruled out trying to form an alternative coalition with either the far-left Communists or far-right Republicans.

her Euro-sceptic views.

But with no love lost between the two main sides, few in Prague are putting money on the government lasting a full

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The development of nuclear weapons has had a most profound effect on world affairs and yet few people have any knowledge of the scientists and engineers who brought this about. John Corner was one such scientist who lead the theoretical design of nuclear warheads almost from the inception of the United Kingdom Programme until his retirement in

Born in Newcastle, he was educated at the Newcastle Royal Grammar School and at Peterhouse, Cambridge where he obtained a First in Parts 1 and II of the Mathematical Tripos in 1937 and was awarded a PhD in 1946. He lectured in mathematics at Liverpool University from 1937 to 1939 when he joined the Ordnance Board, but was transferred in 1942 to the Armament Research Dept to work under Dr J.W. Maccoll on Interior Ballistics. During this time with Maccoll he published a large number of papers on the thermodynamics and thermochemistry of guns in the scien-

It is a measure of his scientific quality that as early as 1944 Maccoll suggested to Corner that there was a need for a modern text book on Interior Ballistics which he could satisfy. Pressure of wartime work prevented an immediate start, but the book Theory of the Interior Ballistics of Guns was published in 1950. It became a standard work on this topic and remains so to this day.

In the opening chapter John Corner writes: Where measurements involve a considerable amount of work it pays to have as accurate a theory as possible." Measurements on nuclear weapons involve an enormous amount of work and Corner devoted his many talents for the rest of his career to establishing the best possible theoretical basis for nuclear warhead design.

He came into nuclear matters somewhat fortuitously when Dr William Penney, later Lord Penney, came back from Hiroshima with a collection of crushed cans and bent poles from which he hoped to estab-

lish the yield of the Hiroshima weapon. There was a great deal of calculation to be done and the Government lent him two mathematicians, of whom Corner was one, to help. As soon as Penney was

appointed to lead the newly approved atomic weapons programme he had no hesitation in recruiting Corner to lead the theoretical group, where his promotion was very rapid. He reached the rank of Superintendent in 1950, the youngest appointment to that level ever made. It was during this period at Fort Halstead, in Kent, that he laid the groundwork, with Penney, for the design of a fission bomb culminating in the successful test at Monte-bello, a group of uninhabited islands off north-west Australia, in 1952.

The calculation of the outcome of a nuclear explosion was then, and still is, a matter of repetitive calculation of a very large number of sequential events. In those days of hand calculating machines this could take many months, but the

new-fangled electronic machines appeared ideally suited to the task, if only they could be made to work faster. Corner set up a strong computerorientated group who applied pressure on the computer companies such as Ferranti, ICL and IBM, to produce bigger and faster machines. Fortunately adequate ma-

chines did become available to meet the heavy demands of the 1950s. In 1953 Corner was offered the chair of Theoretical Physics at Newcastle University, but decided to move to Aldermaston where his team was steadily built up by the recruit-ment of mathematicians and theoretical physicists in anticipation of a possible thermonuclear programme. Such a programme was authorised by the Government in 1954 with the knowledge that an international ban on testing in the at-mosphere was not too far away. Thus there was tremendous pressure to demonstrate a thermonuclear device in the shortest possible time. Bearing in mind that for every design



good characteristics for some

built and tested many more were computed and discarded it was a hectic period for Corner and indeed for the whole establishment.

Thermonuclear tests were conducted at Christmas Island in 1957 and 1958 and their success not only provided a basis for a British deterrent but facilitated the signing of the 1958 Bilateral Treaty for Co-

operation on Nuclear Weapons with the United States. The first exchanges under this treaty took place in the autumn of 1958 with Corner playing a leading part. It ended the period of total isolation in which he had so far worked and began a more normal scientific environment involving peer criticism in which Corner quickly established his authority.

· He was a quiet, somewhat secretive man who would not tolerate looseness of thought in others. In a sense these were very desirable characteristics for one engaged in developing nuclear weapons. He ran his group, of which he was very proud, in his own highly individual way. His instructions to his staff, and indeed to the rest of the establishment on what he required, were sent out in the form of terse little personal notes, which ensured that he was the hub of his Group's ac-

This way of working makes it difficult for the outsider, in particular, to assess his personal contribution to the project.

This will have to await the verdict of the historians, but there can be little doubt that it was outstanding and it was given public recognition in 1958 when he was appointed CBE.

He was well known for his witticisms and his aphorisms. Some of the latter are worth quoting because they illustrate his approach to work and to life: "It is better to know a lot about something you know you must master than a little about every thing under the sun"; "You cannot know too much about your deterrent but you can know too little"; and finally. There must be no doubts about the functioning of the

deterrent". In a sense John Corner defied the first of these aphorisms in that being widely read and blessed with a good memory he seemed to know a lot about everything under the sun. Indeed, it was impossible to find a topic on which he couldn't add to or correct your knowledge.

His meticulous approach to his scientific work was reflected in his domestic life. Every

purchase made was first subject to such a detailed and probing research as to its costeffectiveness in comparison with the alternatives that he became a valued guide to the "besthuy". So thorough were these researches that at one time he refused to travel on certain airlines because of the low flash point of the fuel they used. His other outside interests were walking reading and trains. All his visits to the Unit-

inuld the

ed States included at least one train journey.
To sum up, John Corner was a brilliant scientist with some endearing quirks of character which made him stand out from his fellows. He retired to live near Dartmouth in 1975 but un-

fortunately his latter years were marred by the advent of Parkinson s disease John Challens

John Corner, scientist; born Newcastle upon Tyne 24 January 1916: CBE 1958; married 1945 Kathleen Thurston (one son, one daughter); died Dartmouth, Devon 23 July 1996.

Maj-Gen Francis Piggott

An individual's place of birth often dictates the course of their future life. Francis Piggott was born in Tokyo in 1910. His father, a young captain at the time, later a major-general, was there as a language officer, his grandfather. Sir Francis Piggott, had also served as a legal adviser to the Japanese government. The young Francis's career in the army was for many years to revolve around Japan - first as a linguist, attached to the Imperial Footguards, then fighting the Japanese in the Second World War, and afterwards briefly with the Royal household.

At the age of two, with his fa-ther's term of duty completed and after a lengthy trip on the Trans-Siberian Railway, he arrived with his family in Camberley. Surrey, where his father was to attend Staff College. The young Piggott was sent to prep school in Weymouth and then on to his father's old school, Cheltenham College. From there he gained a prize cadetship to Sandhurst.

In 1933 he was commissioned into the senior English Infantry Regiment of the Line, the Queen's Royal Regiment (West surrey). He was soon offered the opportunity of a ninemonth course at the School of Oriental Studies in London. He was then sent to Japan on

a three-year language course. In Japan, Piggott found a small house, procured two servants and two language teachers. As his studies progressed he slowly began to make inroads into Japanese society and among his friends were Yoshitomo Tokugawa, who was from the family of the last shogun of Japan (the commander-in-chief and the real ruler of feudal Japan), and his wife Masako. whose elder sister was married

to Prince Chichibu, the em press's elder brother.

Piggott was also attached to the 2nd Regiment of the Imperial Footguards, which not only increased his linguistic skills but gave him a unique insight into the Japanese military mind. He was given absolute freedom of movement, for the Japanese with their fear of China and Russia had no thoughts of war with the British. In the summer of 1937 Pig-

gott lost the sight of his left eye in an accident, which made the study of Japanese characters difficult. He was therefore shipped back to England. However, he was determined not to let having only one eye interfere with his military career. On his return to England he

became Adjutant of the Queen's Royal Regiment which soon after the outbreak of the Second World War was sent into action in France as part of the British Expeditionary Force. On his return, after being evacuatied from Dunkirk, he joined the General Staff.

One hot summer's day in 1940 he returned to his old school at Cheltenham for their sports day. There he met Joan He invited her out to tea and not long afterwards they were married

In 1943, the time Piggott had spent in Japan pre-war began to be utilised when he was appointed GSO2 to General Orde Wingate in Burma. Wingate was responsible for organising the Chindits - specially trained jungle fighters. This was not always a comfortable relationship, however - indeed, Wingate once pushed him out of an aircraft as it was moving along the runway. On Wingate's death in a plane crash Piggott



Always fair: Piggott caricatured by one of his fellow officers in 1953

as posted to the 9th Battalion The Yorks and Lancashire Regiment, then based in Burma, which he was soon to command. At the time (a late stage in the Burma campaign), the regi-ment, part of 25th Indian Division, was actively engaging the Japanese who were tenaciousfighting a retreat along the Arakan coast. During this period Piggott was able to use his knowledge of the Japanese and

their language in his interrogation of prisoners. His steady leadership of his battalion resulted in the award of a DSO. As one of his Company Commanders recalled: "He was only with us about a year, but whatever Francis Piggott said, you did. He was short and ginger-haired and could be volatile but he was always very fair."

After the war Piggott returned to Japan with the British

and Commonwealth Forces who were under the command of General MacArthur. Here he renewed his relationship with the Tokagawas and Prince Chichita, for part of his brief was to ensure the well-being of the Japanese Royal Family. Anticipating this, he brought copies of the London Illustrated News with him which were well

received. After a spell at the Joint Services Staff College in 1947 he was sent to the headquarters of the British troops in Egypt where he was General Staff Officer (Intelligence) at General George Erskine's headquarters during disturbances in the Canal Zone. He then took command of the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Royal Regiment in Iserlohn, Germany before taking them to Malaya in 1954 where he remained until 1956 when he was appointed Commander of 161

Infantry Brigade TA. Two years later he was appointed Deputy Director of Military Intelligence until 1961 when, promoted to Major General, he became Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) under the American General Laurie Norstadt at SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers, Europe) outside Paris. He refrom the Army in 1964 and became Honorary Colonel of his beloved Queen's Regiment for many years. From 1965 to 1975 he also served with thr Army Security Vetting Unit.

Max Arthur

Francis James Claude Piggott, soldier: born Tokyo 11 October 1910; DSO 1945; Assistant Chief of Staff (Intelligence) SHAPE 1961-64; CBE 1961; CB 1963; married 1940 Joan Cottam (one son, one daughter); died 21 July

Jock Wallace

Jock Wallace was a giant of Scottish football. No other description can do justice to the man who ended Celtic's domination of the game in the 1970s and who, as manager, led Rangers to two domestic trebles within three years, the Glasgow club winning the League title the League Cup and the Scot-

tish Cup. Wallace had a frightening growl but a soft centre. The abiding image of him is that of the clenched fist, signifying the character he built into his teams character which emanated from the man himself.

Before his successful first period at Ibrox from 1970 to 1978, Wallace had already ensured for the Glasgow club an unwanted place in the history books. As manager and goalkeeper of Berwick Rangers he defied the big name stars in the Rangers team of the time to help his side inflict perhaps the most embarrassing defeat in the history of the club, a 1-0 re-

verse in the 1967 Scottish Cup. However Wallace more than repaid his debt to the club in subsequent years. He was appointed coach to the Rangers manager Willie Waddell in 1970 and with the help of the sand dunes of Gullane, on the Ayrshire coast, he helped shape the nich was to win the 1972 European Cup Winners' Cup. Leaning on his army background with the King's Own Scottish Borderers, Wallace reduced international football players to quivering wrecks af-ter punishing training sessions on the Gullane sands. The exercise and the military precision with which he approached the

job paid rich dividends. Wallace ascended the marble staircase into the manager's office to succeed Waddell less



Wallace: training on the Gullane sands

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than a month after the Cup Winners' Cup triumph and three years later, in 1975, he took Rangers to the League title to end Celtic's nine-in-a-row League run. It was Rangers' first title for 11 years and with his own team in place - he sold stars such as Colin Stein and Willie Johnston from Waddell's side -Wallace's new battalion won the domestic treble.

If his place in the history of Rangers was by then assured the feat two years later before ular at Ibrox, and he was went further, repeating by leaving Rangers to join Leicester City in 1978. The reasons for his departure were never revealed. Despite creating a giant hill of earth at Leicester to recreate the dunes of Gullane, he failed to achieve success in England, returning to Motherwell, then back to Ibrox between 1983 and 1986. How- died Basingstoke, Hampshire 24 ever, he failed to recapture his July 1996.

magic there, and gave way to the Graeme Souness era. He saw out the rest of his career at Seville, then Colchester.

Despite his achievements in football, Wallace fought the biggest battle of his life against Parkinson's disease, with which he was afflicted for many years. Against his toughest enemy he displayed both dignity and the character for which he will be remembered. Although he lived in Spain latterly his heart re-mained in Scotland, in particstunning everyone in Scotland a rapturous reception from Rangers supporters on a recent visit there.

David McKinney

John (Jock) Wallace, football player and manager: born Wal-bford, Midlothian 6 September 1935; married 1960 Daphne Martin (one son, one daughter):

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Changing of the Guard The Household Cavalry Mounted Reg-iment mounts the Queen's Life Guard Guards, Ham: 1st Battalion Irish Guards mounts the Queen Guard, at Buckingham Palace, 11.30am, band provided by the Scots

Lectures

National Gallery: Jacqueline Lewis Artists as Collectors (iv): Gains-borough and Murillo, Saint John the Baptist in the Wilderness". 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Irene Logan, "Majolica: Spanish origin and Italian blooming 1450-1550", 2.30pm.
Tate Gallery: Gerlinde Gabriel. "Sig-

mar Polke", 1pm.

Birthdays

Sir Peter Carey, former chairman. Dalgety, 73; Mrs Pauline Clare. Chief Constable for Lancashire, 49: Mr Blake Edwards, film producer and director, 74; Miss Susan George, actress, 46; Mr Mick Jagger, rock singer, 53: Miss Barbara Jefford, actress, 60; Dr John Kilgour, medical examiner. DSS. 72: Mr Stanley Kubrick, film producer and director, 68; Mr Danny La Rue, entertainer. 69; Professor James Lovelock chemist and biologist, 77; Lord chemist and biologist. //: Lord Marnoch, Senator of the College of Justice in Scotland, 58; Dr Brian Mawhinney MP, Minister Without Portfolio and chairman of the Con-servative Party, 50; Mis Helen Mirren, actress, 50; Mr Steve Oldham. cricketer, 48: Baroness Oppenheim-Barnes, former government minister, 66; Mr Lance Percival, entertainer, 63; Sir Frank Price, former chairman British Waterways, 74: Sir Derek Riches, former diplomat, 84; Mr Jason Robards, actor, 74; Miss Bernice Rubers, novelist, 68; Mr Malcolm Wells, former chairman, Charterhouse Japhet, 69; Dr Anne Wright, Vice-Chancellor. Sunderland Uni-

Anniversaries

Births: George Bernard Shaw, playwright, 1856; Carl Gustav Jung, psy-chologist, 1875; Aldous Leonard Huxley, novelist, 1894; Robert Ranke Graves, poet. 1895. Deaths: John Wilmot, second Earl of Rochester, poet, 1680; Gerard Andran, artist and engraver, 1703. On this day: New York became the 11th of the United States, 1788; the Labour Party came to power after the General Election, 1945: Prince Charles was created Prince of Wales by the Queen, 1958. Today is the Feast Day of St Anne, St Bartholomea Capi tanio, St Joachim and St Simcon the Armenian

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Appointments

Mr Robert Bartfield, Mr Leslie Spit-

tle, and Mr John Alexander Swan-

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Lady Justice Butter-Sloss, to be Reader of the Inner Temple. Sir Nigel Mobbs, to be Lord-

premium rates. Their services were advertised, a page at a

One such page was annexed as part of the court's judgment.

The page was divided into "Horny college girls". One box, headed "Dial an orgasm" Lieutenant for the County of Buck-Ms Lesley Abdela, to be a Governor

were not immoral LAW REPORT

Sex-line advertisements

Armhouse Lee Lid v Chappell and another, Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Simon Brown, Lord Justice Aldous, Lord Justice Schiemann) 23 July 1996

The provision of telephone sex conversations for reward did not constitute prostitution, and advertisements for such services were not so immoral that the court should, as a matter of public policy, decline to enforce the contracts under which they had been placed.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the de-fendants, Anthony Chappell and ST Grid Ltd, against the judgment of Roger Titheridge QC sitting as a deputy High Court judge on 19 September 1994, awarding the plaintiff. Armhouse Lee Ltd (in liquidation) over £700,000 in outstanding fees for advertising

services. The defendants rented and operated telephone sex lines at time, in magazines such as Penthouse, Playboy and Men Only.

boxes, some featuring photographs of women in advanced stages of undress. apparently conversing on tele-phones. The pictures were overprinted with telephone numbers under headings such as "I'll talk dirty while you do it!" or "I am doing it while you do it too!" Other boxes simply listed telephone numbers with brief descriptions of the conversations offered, such as "Nympho talking to XXXXX" or

26 July 1996 featured the following in-

structions: Our girls for gigs) will talk you through tu organi man pecial way. Have a bar of sup and a cup of warm water ready, doo a rolled-up newspaper with a wet end and

These advertisements were placed by the plaintiff adverlising agency, a company formerly owned and controlled by Mr Chappell, but now in liquidation. Its claim for outstanding advertising fees was being funded by the Paul Raymond Organisation, one of the publishers to whom it was indebted.

The defendants resisted the claim on the principal ground that their promotional material was so immoral or illegal that they ought not to have to pay for it: the courts should decline to enforce the contracts on public policy grounds. Roderick Cordara QC and Richard Millett (Alsop Wilkinson) for the defendants: James Goudie QC and Clive Freedman (Amhurst Brown Colombonn) for the plantiff.

Lord Justice Simon Brown said the defence was directed solely to the advertisements, and not at the services advertised. It was said that the advertisements were obscene or involved a conspiracy to corrupt public morals or public decency, and the contracts for placing them were contrary to public policy as tending to promote sexual immorality.

It was argued that the women providing the services were prostitutes. In R v Mc-Farlanc [1994] 2 All ER 283 it was held that a "clipper", a

favours for reward but took the money without the least intention of providing the lavours, was nonetheless a prostitute, albeit a dishonest one. Here, it was said, lewd discussion over the telephone, offering sexual excitement in return for payment, ought similarly to be found to constitute prostitution. His Lordship rejected this.

woman who offered sexual

A finding of prostitution required at the very least both that the putative prostitute be at some stage in her client's presence, and that her offer, whether intended to be fulfilled or not, was of some direct physical contact of a sexual nature between them.

Contracts for sexually immoral purposes were contrary to public policy and contracts tending to promote sexual immorality were illegal and unenforceable. But what for this purpose was sexual immorality? Did it include sexual arousal over the telephone? It was plain that no gener-

ally accepted moral code condemned these telephone sex lines. On the contrary, socicty appeared not merely to have accepted their existence but to have placed them under the express control of an independent regulatory body, ICSTIS, which published a code of practice approved by

OFTEL. Distasteful though these advertisements and the services they invited might be, they came nowhere near the point where the court should feel morally obliged to abjure its usual jurisdiction over contractual disputes.

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Should the West remake broken African nations?

ow the world is letting Burundi die" ran a line on our news schedule yesterday. The phrasing expresses the sense of impotence and anger evoked by news, yet again, of massacre and impending anarchy in that so fertile yet so inhumane corner of Africa occupied by the nations of Rwanda and Burundi. The General Secretary of the United Nations, in a letter to the president of the Security Council, said reports from Bujumbura - an attractive town on the shores of Lake Tanganyika - underlined the urgency of the international community's need to stop the cycle of violence, Tutsi reprisal for Hutu massacre, Tutsi massacre for Hutu reprisal.

But the world is not an operational entity. The "international community" means, for most practical purposes, the United Nations. The UN, however, is technically bankrupt. Its chief - General Secretary Boutros Boutros Ghali looks likely to lose his job. (The British overseas aid minister, Lady Chalker, could not even bring herself yesterday

to say whether the Government was for or agin him.) As for mobile military strength: there is no army of paratroopers to be magicked out of the US and dropped into Equatorial Africa. Nor, as the Clinton administration made clear yesterday, will there be. There is one French brigade available but that is about it. If the UN is not equipped to help, what about the

regional powers? There really are none.
The Arusha declaration last month to the effect that Tanzania and other countries around Rwanda and Burundi would create a scheme of regional security remains a mere aspiration.

But even if the "world" or the 'region' could muster battalions and logistical support - what then? Neither peace-making nor peace-keeping is enough. Tutsi and Hutus are not going to grow to love one another under the guns of foreign soldiers. There is no point in military intervention unaccompanied by something the world has not even begun to consider - the political and administrative makeover of an entire country, which might not even begin until that country had been broken up and in some way reconstituted.

Reports from Burundi are far from clear. President Sylvestre Ntibantunganya appears to have lost control but has not yet been deposed or exiled. The (largely Tutsi) army, assisted by Tutsi militias, is said to be seeking to catch the (presumed Hutu) perpetrators of the massacre at Bugendena: en route the army may well carry out reprisals against civilian Hutu, who form the vast majority of Burundi's inhabitants. Some kind of ceasefire between the Hutu insurgents and the Burundian government was being talked about but now looks out of the question. Diplomats in the capital are pessimistic about whether a bloody slide into



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genocide can be avoided. Unless, of course, there is external intervention. But intervention on what authority? Under Chapter 6 of the United Nations charter, intervention is approved to keep the peace - but such action rests, implicitly, on the belief that Burundian political institutions can work, that agreements between warring parties can be made to stick, that Humpty can be put back together again. Intervention under Chapter 7 - to make the peace by force - implies breakdown in indigenous structures. And who is to take responsibility for remaking them? This country, like its northern neigh-

eable

bour Rwanda, lacks the infrastructure of politics as we know it - arenas for negotiation, the space for some compact between parties and tribes, between army and government, between executive and legislature. But political settlement cannot be imposed at gunpoint, even by black troops from Uganda or Zaire. Perhaps such a settlement is impossible on existing boundaries. Perhaps all conceivable solutions involve the deconstruction of both countries: is such a potentially colonialist act envisaged by those who call for intervention?

Of late, a certain fatalism has become the fashion about Africa, or at least large

is being referred to as "the black continent" in Western drawing-rooms. Even some liberals, tired of wringing their hands, now shrug their shoulders. Such fatalism sooner or later leads to the position: let them bleed. Even softened by aid programmes for refugees who make it to neighbouring countries, this sounds impossibly harsh. If that is what the West concludes, then we are worse people than our parents and grandparents.

There is an alternative, though it might prove equally unpalatable. It involves, first, a breach with the convention that limits involvement to aid or military might for humanitarian purposes. What if the settlement of tribal warfare in Rwanda and Burundi depended on organised "ethnic cleansing" - that is to say the compulsory resettlement of hundreds of thousands of people across boundaries, which are then redrawn to keep tribes apart? Would Western populations, however agitated by pictures such as those we carried yesterday, stomach their troops' staying on to move people from their homes?

The second aspect of this neo-interventionism is even less politically correct. For it involves efforts to rebuild civil society, to guide parties and populations in the right direction. What price colonialist "organised democracy" in black Africa

orchestrated by the white powers?
These are hard questions and yet they need at least to have answers sketched

for them. If the Bugendena massacre leads, as in Rwanda, to a cycle of death and destruction, pressure for intervention will grow. Cynically put, it takes genocide to trigger action. But action will not be justified until its longer-run purposes have been thought through. Is "the world", or the West, or the UN, prepared to remake African nations?

Don't be prudish, this is business

Here's one for Michael Buerk and his Moral Mazers. The law says those in receipt of state benefits who are unemployed and able should be making every effort to seek work. From the autumn the rule gets even stiffer: no hard evidence that you are actively seeking work, no money.

Now here comes the offer of a job which, though tacky, is perfectly legal selling sexual services from home. Theoretically, there's no dilemma here.
A government true to its principles and tough-minded on the limits of state interference should have no problem. One job is, the Tories constantly tell us, as good as another. But Eric Forth, a junior minister, has come over all prudish and banned copies of a paper carrying the sex ads. "Not suitable," he says. Ah, well. Not suitable for whom?

Oxford must not refuse £38m gifts

Sir: I find it hard to believe that anybody would send back fully paid-up gifts of £38m to the University of Oxford for a school of management studies. Professor Dawkins and others have to state clearly that if this sum is raised and it is stated that £28m has already been obtained - then they would, in fact, still vote against the proposal to establish such a school and would return the cash. Such statements would prevent him and others from hiding behind an unwillingness to say that they are for or against management studies.

It is just not possible to weigh up the Dawkins argument as to whether or not the money for management studies would It is likely, however, that a really successful management school would attract much money to the

letters of Anthony Murray (24 July) and Richard Dawkins (25 July) is the old Oxford problem of attempting to preserve the old, while not willing to risk the new. I believe that a school of management studies of international standing to rival the business schools at say Harvard and Manchester should be an essential part of Oxford University activity in the next century. The understanding of how society can be managed everywhere in the world is the most pressing concern

I hope Professor Dawkins will fly of us all. his true colours, stating what he is for, and not prevent what others may consider to be essential by the ifs and buts of confusing discussion

When Britain sent in assassins

Sir. It is untrue to claim, as Oleg Gordievsky does (letter, 24 July), that "the British intelligence and security services have never killed anybody". Before he died in 1990, the former MI6 officer and Unionist MP H Montgomery Hyde admitted that during the war his organisation had assassinated, in New York, a German seaman who was operating as a spy. In 1942, the French MI6 agent Marie-Madeleine Fourcade was ordered by MI6's Claude Dansey to kill a double agent called "Blanchet". The cyanide pill failed but not the shot to the head.

During the late Forties there were numerous killings of doubleagents among the emigré groups in the displaced persons' camps in the occupied zones of Germany. Carried out by trained assassins known as "mechanics", including a few from Scotland, these are understood to have been sanctioned by the British and American intelligence services.

While the idea of assassinations was officially shelved by 1950, it is worth recalling, on the 40th anniversary of Suez, that MI6's Operation Unfasten consisted of at least six different assassination attempts against President Nasser. Whether it was incompetence or deliberate, fortunately the exploding razor, nerve gas, German mercenaries, poison and SAS all failed. STEPHEN DORRIL Holmfirth, West Yorkshire

otherwise be given for other causes. university as a whole in the long I sense that what lies behind the

on money matters.
Professor R J P WILLIAMS Wadham College, Oxford

Churchill the European

Sir: The fact that Winston Churchill was a strong Euro-federalist ("Top Tory comes out for the euro", 25 July) has been a well guarded secret among Conservatives for many years. But the truth was far worse for the anti-European lobby. On 17
June 1940 Churchill proposed that
the French and British nations should be merged in an "indissoluble union" with a common currency, single citizenship and a full customs union.

The revelations do not stop there. The UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO) owes its existence to the War Cabinet member George Barnes MP and two British civil servants who drafted the ILO constitution. The first ILO convention in 1919 was to establish a maximum eight-hour day and 48-hour week. The British government voted for the motion. Yet little Englanders still refer to the working time directive as an alien device constructed by dangerous progressives on the Continent. ROBINEJCHATER

Director The EU Employers' Network Guildford, Surrey

Sir: Whenever the subject of a single European currency is in the news, Europhobes like Lord Tebbit are wheeled out to parrot the equation "single currency equals single government". They are never

challenged on the logic of this. A single currency would necessitate a single policy on matters like interest rates and money supply. It is irrelevant to those aspects of financial policy in which most people are interested.

it is even more irrelevant to the whole range of social policy, whose range of social policy, industrial policy, constitutional policy, etc – nearly everything which normal political debate is about.

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ALAN PAVELIN Chislehurst, Kent

Cook's tough stance on Bosnia

Six Steve Crawshaw's comments on Sie: Steve Crawsnaw's comments on Robin Cook and Bosnia (article, 22 July) are unfair. Since taking over as Stradow Foreign Secretary, he has considerably toughened Labour's position on Bosnia. He called for stronger military presence during the crucial moments of the crisis. He has consistently condemned the Government for its weakness and

More recently, Robin has called for the widening of I-For's mandate to include the seizure of war criminals such as Mladic and Karadzic. He is equally clear that I-For should be providing armed protection for the many refugees who wish to return to their homes. The real frustration, of course, is

that we are now condemned to another nine months of prevarication from the current UK government before we can get the chance to replace it with one that sees values and principles to be at the heart of foreign policy. CALUM MACDONALD MP (Western Isles, Lab) Labour Friends of Bosnia House of Commons

such as taxation and spending, and it is even more irrelevant to the meritocracy

Sir. Ian Corfield of the Fabian Society appears to have missed the point altogether in his attack on Peter Saunders' book Unequal but

Fair? (letter, 23 July).

Mr Corfield argues that we do not live in a meritocracy because there is a widening gap between rich and poor, but this is irrelevant. The question is, are people becoming rich because they are talented and work hard, or because they are well-connected socially? And are they becoming poor because they are lazy and lacking in skills, or because, they have come up against class barriers?

Professor Saunders argues, on the basis of a detailed analysis of data from the National Child Development Study, that although we do not live in a perfect meritocracy, intelligence and motivation are the two most important predictors of success Furthermore, Saunders argues that the size of any group defined as poor is less important than the degree of mobility between classes. Many of the poor, including the very poor, manage to lift themselves out of poverty by their own efforts, suggesting that class barriers are less important than some social scientists have argued. If Ian Corfield has evidence to

support a contrary thesis he should present it. Name-calling seldom advances any argument. ROBERT WHELAN Assistant Director The Institute of Economic Affairs London SWI

'Hey, dudes, this is my Christmas rap! You dig? My squeeze an' I...' Ulster: only one extreme

Trust in local

democracy

Sir: Your leader on local

democracy (23 July) echoed many of the views of the Liberal

Democrats, Local people should

decide how their own areas are run. The Tories have shown they do

not trust people to look after their own communities - they prefer

quangos and centralisation. They

have destroyed local services and

deprived councils of power in an

Their poor showing in local

both flawed and disliked.

remains an oxymoron. DAVID RENDEL MP

(Newbury, Lib Dem)

House of Commons

Goon slur

DEREK SMITH

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Sir: The Conservative candidate

the "New Labour, New Danger"

Show". This will give offence to

The Goon Show as intelligent, logical and highly entertaining.

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Jonathan Fine called the launch of

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As Tony Blair made clear in his

Association on Tuesday, Labour's

plans for local government would

in practice be equally prescriptive.
It would seem both Labour and

the Conservatives are determined

to ensure that "local democracy"

speech to the Local Government

Sir. I am an Austrian political science student specialising in conflict resolution. Having had the misfortune to witness recent events around the loyalist "marching season" in Ireland, I now realise the extent to which British propaganda has been effective regarding Irish issues. The British establishment press have for years portrayed police in the north of Ireland as finding themselves caught in the middle of two "Irish factions", thus depicting them as some kind of impartial force keeping the peace between two extremes.

There is only one "extreme" in the north of Ireland and that is the extreme right-wing sectarian fascism which is the very essence of loyalism. For example, General Law No 4 of the Orange Loyal Institution of Ireland states that "Any member dishonouring the Institution by marrying a Roman Catholic shall be expelled and it shall be deemed an offence for any member to facilitate in any way Sunday sports, amusements or dances by Roman Catholics." This contrasts dramatically with republicanism as advocated by Sinn Fein, the essence of which is that supreme power be held by all the people or their elected representatives - a society with equality between its peoples.

While republicanism and loyalism are mutually incompatible. they cannot be simultaneously depicted as extremes. FSMEYERBRUGGER Graz, Austria

Getting out of the party bag Sir: The answer to the dilemma "Forget the games, where's my party bag?" (article, 24 July) is

simple – use your imagination. For environment reasons (to avoid waste of resources on useless trinkets) I have never given out party bags. What I did do was to discuss with my daughter the cost involved and together we came up with alternatives. These included a f1 coin for each child in a plain brown envelope which my daughter named and decorated, and charging children £2 to attend a party disco. The money raised was donated to the NSPCC for children who can't afford parties at all.

It amazes me that parents always seem to follow the crowd for fear of the disapproval of children and other parents. This leads to raised expectations and increased cost of parties. You only had to see the look of delight on the children's faces as they left clutching their £1 coins to know life than party bags! MAGGIE TAYLOR Pinner, Middlesex

Sir: This form of extortion is not new. In the late 1950s, when my youngest child was of school age, the pre-war habit again became established of bringing presents to the birthday girl or boy giving the party. The more affluent parents raised the standard of these to such an extent that eventually one brave mother wrote "No presents please" on her son's invitations. Far from being ostracised as mean, we, the less affluent, heaved sighs of relief and admiration and copied her. VERONICA BERRY Brentwood, Essex

Appeal of the cycle routes

Sir. A leaflet which accompanied my copy of the 23 July edition of the Independent invited me to contribute towards the cost of building the National Cycle Network by the charity Sustrans.

I am appalled that I even received the leaflet. Have we really become so car-obsessed that the Government is not prepared to invest in such a worthwhile project? What will happen if the National Lottery and individual contributions are insufficient?

I don't recall receiving requests for support for the further development of the National Road Network. HAYLEY V NORTH Leeds

Mindless males

Sir: Your interesting article on "theory of mind" (22 July) states: "Seeing leads to knowing ... if you are looking in a cupboard you know more about its contents than someone who is standing next to it."

This is a serious misconception, as can be proved by simple practical experiment. The theory does not explain why a male, gazing desperately into a cupboard looking for a pot of jam, is unable to see it, while his female partner 30 feet away is shouting, "On the left - it is staring you in the face!" Can your correspondent identify which part of the male brain suddenly atrophies in this situation, causing temporary loss of sight and threatening the breakdown of many marriages? HAROLD BREND Huchin, Henfordshire

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This man was twice a victim: first, of medical negligence, second, of the law

Lord Woolf's civil justice reforms aim to change the expensive, unfair system that forced Michael Bolger to spend four years battling for compensation. By Patricia Wynn Davies

here must, surely. be something dramatically wrong with a system that to the excesses and stresses of the legal system for almost six years, and still leaves him nearly £100,000 out of pocket and with a strong sense of grievance.

After no fewer than 60 reports over the decades into improving civil justice, none of them acted upon, that was the familiar experience of Michael Bolger, once a senior personnel manager with ICI, now a paraplegic who works as best he can as a part-time consultant from his wheelchair - partly to occupy his mind, and partly take his mind off the constant pain in his legs.

Mr Bolger is not unique. There are thousands more cases of all kinds dragging slowly through the civil courts with all that entails in cost and mental anguish. An unresponsive system has fallen into disrepute, and has lost the confidence of the public. Such are the pitfalls that many people, including those with some financial means, view the bringing of a claim as hopeless, or they abandon it in despair as rising costs or delays start gnawing away at any potential benefits.

The compensation that eventually emerged at the end of the process for Bolger - £1.6m was vital in reconstructing a shattered life around his disability and in planning for an uncertain future. But, as so many victims of serious negligence will testify, the final result is only part of the story.

Compensation, as the des-cription denotes but which is sometimes forgotten, is in no sense a windfall, and is at best an imperfect means of attempting to make up for horrendous losses. Pursuing litigation to obtain it generally, probably universally, serves to re-open the trauma on a different front. Most of Boil on further adaptations to his house, more equipment to cope with the daily vicissitudes of life as a paraplegic, and as time goes on, on a full-time resi-

dential carer. Like Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls, who unveils his civil justice reforms today, Bolger argues for nothing less than a complete change of culture. The present system seems to dictate that wellresourced defendants, and in Bolger's case a defensive med-

Michael Bolger: 'The test of a country's legal system is the way it deals with injuries to its citizens. If you can't get that right, what hope is there?' ical profession, must do everything possible, including throwing large amounts of money at the problem, to hamper legitimate claims rather than tackle the reality, which must eventually come, of apportioning responsibility.

Like Lord Woolf, Bolger has concluded that the present civil law system is too slow, too expensive, too complex and unfair. His experience is replicated in case upon case, of varying complexity, in all branches of the civil law up and down the country. Today's package will be the

most radical set of reforms ever suggested, and if implemented

as a whole it will have a profound impact on the process of strophe, he believed he had no justice. It all depends on the choice but to sue the health extra judges and technology that tant, a massive change of attitude among the legal profession.

For Bolger, his wife Chris-tine, and his three sons, the losses were profound indeed. When he was hospitalised following a road accident, an epidural for pain relief caused a large abcess which medical staff failed to detect before it had caused serious damage to his spinal cord. He suffered post traumatic stress disorder and needed counselling for four

detail, the resources for the authority, a senior consultant and the insurers of the car that struck him in the accident. They denied liability last possible moment. It began one Friday night

when the Bolgers' car was hit on the A3. He had an unpleasant, though conventional, injury to his sternum from a seatbelt. He was discharged from hospital after a week, but had numbness in his right foot, difficulty in walking, pain in his abdomen and soreness at the site of the epidural injection. Every hour that was passing was clocking up lasting physical damage. The abcess that was eventually found between his shoulder blades was the size of а рапсаке.

The ghastly business of resorting to the law was about to begin. As Bolger tells it, the grief comes on two levels - the emotional, which the legal system as such does little about, and the practical, the hard, painstaking business of holding those responsible to account.

Now that he is the contact

point for Surrey and Hampshire in a national network being established by Action for Victims of Medical Accidents (the support group for victims

years. Faced with such a cataspeaks from the experience of many as well as his own.

There would be the comment: you do know you are taking money from the NHS; you get will have to come out of money for patients' treatment," he says. "What are you supposed to do? Just wheel away and take it?"

As he sees it, there are no "victories" for plaintiffs, just a remorseléss grind as they juggle the business of preparing

feel undervalued because every single pennny has to be And what about the hidden

victims? The legal process is too blunt an instrument to even begin to tackle the effects on families

"Christine's whole life changed," Bolge r says. "Her expectations about what we would do as a conspie, her own routine and he'r ambitions, were shattered." The couple's three sons, now 3-0, 25 and 21,

'People said, "You do know you'r a taking money from the NHS?" What sure you supposed to do? Just wheel away?"

for the ordeal of a trial with adjusting to the awful reality of disablement.

"Almost from the moment you realise that you are compelled to pursue litigation, and the defendants refuse to admit liability, you enter a world that is very alienating, very imper-sonal, very dismissive. The defendants are pushed into being adversarial. The doctors are defensive. And nobody wants to know about your action, your action which you think is hugely important. You

all suffered: "One gets married totally out of the blue and then gets divorced. O'ne won't set foot in a hospitall. One had a dreadful year at c ollege, angry

and disruptive. It I appens to so many families." No aspect of the current legal system makers any of it any better. The sole re-leeming feature was that, unlifte many others who are too well off for legal aid but too poor to take the financial risk, he was able to contemplate funding the claim. His carnings package at ICI

had been about £90,000. With his lump sum and the sale of the family cars he began proceedings, but had to change his solicitor after 16 months for someone less out of their depth.

Richard Vallance, of the London solicitors Charles Russell, had to begin all over again.

No fewer than five different judges dealt with the various aspects of the case as it ground through its stages, one in relation to costs alone, which itself took 18 months to resolve. Nine medical experts produced reports, four of whom were to give evidence in the trial. Seven more experts prepared opinions on the amount of damages. There were nearly three dozen experts for both sides. gearing up either to justify every penny or to pare down

relentlessly any claim. The trial was listed for four weeks, but the actual hearing only lasted three hours because, at that point - four years after the accident - there was an unconditional admission of liability on the part of the health authority and the consultant. Bolger got his £1,675,(NN). But he had spent £310,000 in legal costs, £98,000 of which he was unable to recover from his opponents. The point is, says Bolger, that so much of it was unnecessary. "The judge said

the case should never have

come to court." But there had never been any without-prejudice negotiations about an out-of-court settlement. Bolger supposed that they were hoping he would give up and run out of money. It all seemed to be going at the pace of the slowest, most recalcitrant lawyer. The final details of the legal process were finally concluded six years ago last Fri-

Just before the trial was due to begin the defendants had paid a sum into court representing about two-thirds of what he eventually secured. If he had failed to beat it at trial he would have been liable to pay all the costs of both sides from that point onwards.

"It was a very unnerving experience," Bolger says. Torn, he eventually felt he could not accept the offer. "My biggest fear is that I am still only 53. I didn't want to end up in old age short of the essential funds."

For the reality of his injuries cannot be simply summed up in one neat word: paraplegic. The realities for paraplegics are things like double incontinence and for men, inability to ejaculate. Because he suffered an "incomplete" injury, Bolger also has the worst of both worlds, paralysis and pain, as the brain attempts to message the legs and feet through a damaged spinal cord. The pain is constant and unbearable, he says.
After trying acupuncture,

electro-therapy and all the drugs known to experts, he has accepted that his pain gates just won't shut down. Under the guidance of David Grundy. who heads the Duke of Cornwall spinal treatment centre at Salisbury District Hospital, he is now weaning himself off his medication, which was affecting his ability to work. But as he gets older and weaker his ability to cope will deteriorate.

In complex cases such as this, Lord Woolf is expected to propose a new era of "case management", to ensure early and comprehensive discussion the costs are likely to be, the experts needed and the timetable. The main objective is to encourage early settlement, or if that fails bring cases to trial as speedily and eco-

nomically as possible. Bolger, who wrote a lengthy memorandum to Lord Woolf in the run-up to his report, is aware of some of the criticisms that have already been advanced. "I hope to goodness that we don't go to the other extreme, with half-baked settlements," he said. "But I had one of the best legal teams, and one of the most supportive GPs, and it still took that long.

We need doctors who are less defensive, lawyers who are more accountable and a legal system that is much more fair and just to victims.

The test of the quality of a country's legal system is the way it deals with injuries to its citizens, particularly in its hospitals. If you can't get that right, what hope is there for the rest?"

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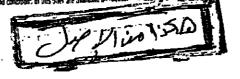
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Margaret Thatcher: "I'm sorry. I don't talk to anyone for under half a million these

I tell you what, Mr Reader. Don't even bother with the lucky number. Just vote Tory, and we'll all be in the lolly!

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Tied to the stake of modish ideas

The time has come to kiss goodbye to fashionable management and economic theories

So we are going to get our post today, but little thanks to the management theorists. For it seems to have been the cack-handed application of an American concept, Total Quality Management" (TQM) that led to the impasse at the Post Office. The management there had been trying to impose an aspect of been trying to impose an aspect of TOM that involves "teamworking", splitting workers into "motivated teams" interest of learns into a splitting workers into "motivated teams" interest of learns into a splitting workers into "motivated teams" interest of learns interest of learn teams" instead of letting them just get on with the job.

The union has been unhappy about this, and had been pointing out that the US Post Office, which introduced the idea as part of its "Employee Involvement Program", had already pulled the plus According to the US Postal Serv plug. According to the US Postal Service vice president. Joseph Mahon, "national productivity has gone down while grievance activity has gone up".

Teamworking has proved a particularly disappointing idea. In the Seventies Volvo pioneered the idea of building cars with small teams instead of the regular production line. Workers were happier, absenteeism was down, cars were of better quality, we were told. But has it continued? Er, no. That plant was shut a few years back because it was not nearly as efficient as the company's conventional ones.

"downsizing". A few weeks ago Stephen Roach, the Wall Street economist who was its most vocal advocate, reversed his position, acknowledging that while taking out layers of management might in the short term save costs, it also took out the experience that enabled companies to develop and grow.

On Tuesday this view was given further support by Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of Eng-land and former director general of the CBL If companies said that their employees were their greatest asset and then readily cut back on those assets there was, he said, "a danger of communicating mixed and confusing statements. This confusion, he argued, was not likely to create the state of mind that would bring improved performance.

Or take "core competence". This is the current fashion, the obverse of a former one, "diversification". The idea seems sensible enough - do things you know something about, instead of doing things you don't understand. But if you look at Britain's two best-known business-men, both have become most successful by departing from their original competence.



The idea of the 'stakeholder society' met a speedy nemesis

used his experience of the first to found Virgin Atlantic and recently to launch his successful personal equity plans. Sir John Harvey-Jones was head of ICI, but only came to public prominence as an author and television performer, two activities he knew nothing about until after he retired.

Unsurprisingly, companies that seem wonderful one moment run into trouble the next. Perhaps the most famous book on management, In as the company's conventional ones.
But this is the norm. Take another idea, perhaps the most widely applied:

It is hard to see any rational link between pop music, airlines and financial services, but Richard Branson string of companies which they classes.

sified as "excellent". Five years after it was published two-thirds of the firms has run into some sort of trouble. "Benchmarking" was another US

technique, where a company tries to measure itself against its competitors to make sure that in each area of business it is as good as the others. The trouble with this is that if your aim is merely to be as good as your competitor (or more probably, given the problems of implementation, not quite as good as your competitor was a couple of years ago), you are never going to be better. Toyota was always happy to show rivals its car plants because it

In the shadow that by the time they had copied its techniques. Toyota would have progressed and done even better.

It is not only American ideas that are biting the dust. In Japan much of the post-war economic success has been ascribed to the highly regulated economy, which some argue enabled the country to focus its effort on par-ticular export-driven industries. Well, this month that approach saw its strongest challenge yet, from the head of government's Economic Planning Agency, Shusei Tanaka, He has not only proposed radical deregulation of the whole Japanese economy but has got the backing of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party to do it.

And Britain? We have not been par-

ticularly prolific at sprouting management theories, so there are fewer opportunities for home-grown hubris. But one candidate has emerged this year, the idea of the "stakeholder society". The concept seemed sensible: that a wide group of people should have an interest in the future of a company or any organisation, and that their views should be taken into account when changes are

made. Thus a company would have an obligation not only to its shareholders but also to long-serving employees and long-term customers. The two most vocal advocates have been the author Will Hutton and Tony Blair.

Alas, this fine notion has met a more speedy nemesis than most. Mr Hutton was made editor of the Observer, whereupon he sacked large numbers of the staff, the very people who had thought they were "stakeholders" in the paper's future. And it could be argued that Mr Blair's revival of the Labour Party has only been possible because he was prepared to override the views of "old Labour". the long-standing supporters who again thought of themselves as being its principal stakeholders.

is there any lasting management nostrum which will not be overturned shortly after it is introduced? I have a candidate. It is called "common sense" But I doubt it will ever catch on.

BOOK REVIEW

In the end, the world makes fools of us all

Why Things Bite Back New technology and the revenge effect

> Edward Tenner Fourth Estate £18.99

There is a yet-unknown law of chaos theory which proposes an irreducible number of problems in the world: problems that can-

not be solved, only moved around. This is not the astonishing conclusion of Princeton academic Edward Tenner, although it should be, since – after 100 examples of why human ingenuity is perpetually creating inadvertent new problems after the old ones have apparently been solved - he never actually tells us "why things bite back".

It seems the human race has woeful record in predicting the results of its new drugs and machines, though we continue to act as if we always know what will happen. Perhaps every time a government minister gets up to bang on about "scientific evidence" we secretly know this: the BSE epidemic perfectly fits Tenner's "revenge effect"

Why Things Bite Back con-cerns a philosophical problem bafflingly packaged as a scien-tific one, with all the familiar jolly eclecticism of popular science on view. The fact that Tenner has favoured the mild anthropomorphism of the tag "revenge effect" over the more accurate "recomplicating effect" gives pause for thought. Was not revenge once the favoured instrument of divine will?

These popular science books, with their origin stories, heresies, mysterious plagues and apocalyptic endgames, have the air about them of medieval religious disputations. How many angels can dance on a pinhead? How many revenge effects in the Exxon Valdez oil spill (where the sea-otters got herpes)? Medieval heretics would find much to please them in Tenner's book, at least the ones who considered all Of course, a pock-marked Cathar would say, things bite back because things come equipped with the teeth of

Human ingenuity has taken some unexpected twists and turns. It's ironic that medicine - which caused a slew of iatrogenic diseases when it was holistic" in the 18th-century and earlier - is slowly becoming holistic again, after realising that a century of successfully treating acute conditions

has only revealed a raft of chronic ones underneath, which before nobody bothered about. This innate confusion over what is a localised or a general effect is a striking theme, imperfectly examined by Tenner. Individuals gorging on antibodies have ruined their effectiveness

for everyone else. Shore breaks on one beach create erosion elsewhere. Locally applied pes-ticides create super-pests and poison the consumer. Pollution from an individual's car trip to the shops is causing a child's fatal asthma attack.

It's a sorry tale, again and again, of human selfishness and Promethean scientific vanity (check out those 1950s "crocidolite" asbestos filters on ciga-rettes). We appear to be short-

We continue to act as if we know what will happen

term animals with a long-term brain; creatures who evolved through an ability to solve prob-lems effectively and quickly. Perhaps we need problems to feel alive, as an aspect of consciousness; perhaps we uncon-sciously engineer the revenge effect on ourselves.

In the end, Tenner's argument for "why things bite back" boils down to three propositions: first, we are all victims of our tendency to cut corners as a function of human ingenuity. Second, our predisposition to overreact when things go wrong and instigate the wrong solutions often blows up in our face. Finally the way we over-evolve our environment, way past our bodies' ability to deal with the consequences, poses a serious threat to human health.

now finding out what the rest of us have always known: that there's no such thing as a free lunch, a bottomless sea, an inert chemical or a patent medicine. Far from being a function of "chaos", this is all perfectly Newtonian For every action there is a reaction. Perhans science itself is a manifestation of the revenge effect; our irra-tional faith in its rationality may yet make fools of us all.

Roger Clarke



Two-thirds of the £4bn-worth of military hardware just ordered by the Government is unnecessary, says Christopher Bellamy

pounds' worth, to be precise. A new, fast, air-launched cruise missile, so the RAF will not have to fly over targets and drop bombs on them; another air-launched missile, which seeks out and destroys tanks; and a new maritime patrol aircraft, to scout the sea looking for hostile submarines.

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Two of the three are probably unnecessary.

If Labour wins the next election, it has promised to carry out a "strategic defence review" looking at what the British armed forces are for and the world in which they will be operating to determine what organisation and equipment they really need. If we had such a strategic review, it would probably conclude that large-scale war was most unlikely, and that in any such case - a really major breakdown of international order - we would be able to rely on the Americans for some of the more demanding technologies. But most of the time, there would be no direct military "threat" to Britain. Its armed forces would be an instrument of British foreign policy, con-tinually engaged in smaller conflicts around the globe.

Such a review would result in the cancellation of the airlaunched anti-armour weapon and the maritime patrol aircraft. We would keep the Conventionally-Armed Stand-Off Missile (Casom). How come?

The anti-armour weapou and the maritime patrol aircraft

from the Cold War. Yester day's announcement justified them in the usual jargon of defence speak. "The ability to defeat enemy battle tanks and other armoured vehicles will be vital to the success of national and coalition operations. Dranology and the proliferation of

Is an aircraft of this cost and complexity essential? No

such technology around the world mean we must possess a highly flexible, rapidly deployable weapon to protect our forces and those of our allies." When I started work in the

Procurement Executive of the Ministry of Defence in autumn 1978, Air Staff Target 1238 - as it was then known; it later became Staff Requirement (Air) 1238 - was already filling the pink files. Eighteen years later, the MoD has finally ordered it. Back in 1978, we believed the Soviet Army was quite likely to swarm across the North German Plain. Large numbers of tanks, so many they filled the battlefield, would present a reasonable target for the Air Force. The idea was to fire air-launched missiles to thin out the echelons of tanks well behind the forward troops, reducing the numbers so

Tew toys for the are, in the main, hangovers forces on the ground might be able to cope with those through. Going for the "followon" forces had another important advantage. You did not have to worry about distinguishing between your forces and theirs, entwined in the deadly embrace of the "contact battle". It seemed fair enough,

> But 18 years on, we are not facing Third Shock Army. Admittedly, we faced some-thing not dissimilar, in the Gulf war. The Americans pounded the Iraqi armour dug into the sand with heavy bombers and attacked anything that moved in the desert, including, on occasion, their allies. More British soldiers were killed by the Americans than by the

> Iraqis.
> The Gulf war highlighted the dangers of using aircraft against armoured vehicles. The new stand-off missile, Brimstone, would be ideal for shredding columns of tanks miles behind the front line - but against a single Bosnian Serb tank, hiding in a barn? It is hardly the ideal system for most of the circumstances in which British forces are likely to find themselves.

The most expensive order -£2bn – is for a maritime patrol aircraft to replace the Nimrod, based on the very old design of the Comet, with Nimrod 2000 - the same basic aircraft, but with many new parts. Of the available choices, the Nimrod 2000 makes sense. It is a jet, which is quieter than a turbothat the outnumbered Nato prop, and gives less vibration,



submarines, but is it really nec-

During the Cold War, Soviet submarines were a particularly nasty threat. They threatened the transatlantic sea lines of communication, linking the European battlefield with north American industrial and political might. They threatened US carrier battle groups. The Nimrods were crucial to the

battle with Soviet submarines. The Russians still make some superb nuclear submarines. But the chances we might have to fight a war with them are remote. They also sell submarines to powers with whom we might be in conflict

- Iran, for example. But they will not sell their latest and best Akula-class submarines to those powers. Of course, Nim-

which helps when hunting for rod 2000 is a great thing to have, and could also be used to track Iranian conventional submarines or blockade runners defying UN embargoes. But is an aircraft of this cost and complexity, specially designed to hunt nuclear submarines in the Atlantic, essential? No.

Our strategic review would, however, recommend keeping the Casom - the Storm Shadow, built by British Aerospace and Matra of France. A highly accurate, fast cruise missile which could smash into an enemy command bunker or a dictator's palace, it is as effective, in its own way, as a nuclear weapon would once have been. Such a missile could be used in a true strategic role -- to eliminate a dictator or paralyse the command and control of a state which had incurred the dis-

pleasure of the international community. With the use of nuclear weapons now ruled illegal except in cases where our national survival is at stake, such an accurate, conventional deterrent looks extremely useful. And the missile is fired from a safe distance, lessening the risk of pilots being shot down, captured, tortured, and paraded. One of the key developments in warfare in recent years has been less tolerance of casualties - either "enemy" or our own. That means minimising accidental casualties - so-called "collateral damage" and keeping our own pilots at a safe distance. Casom does both. And, unlike the antiarmour weapon, it suits the kind of wars we may find our-,selves in. Casom would be kept

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Tube strike? Fine! At last, some militancy

The Eighties generation was promised gold but got the sack. We'll gladly walk to work, says Louise Jury

three cheers for the strikers! Hurrah for the tube drivers! They may have brought chaos to the capital, but there has to be a round of applause for those willing to stand up to intransigent management, a frisson of excitement that the worker has not completely disappeared under the big boot of the boss.

You do not have to agree with the strikers to sympathise. There were probably many people surprised to learn that you can earn more than £25,000 as a driver on the London Underground, Besides, anyone stuck in a traffic jam yesterday was entitled to a sense-of-humour failure.

But the disruption does not alarm the younger generation, as union militancy once scared our parents. For the growing proportion of the population in a society where to have joined the unable to remember the pre-Thatcher ranks of lawyers, accountants and

era, the current industrial unrest cannot ignite memories of the three-day week and it prompts only hazy recollections of the Winter of Discontent. We are too young. Anyone reaching adulthood in the

late Eighties will recall the bitter battles of Wapping and the last great miners' strike. But for every student activist to have carried a banner outside the News International newspaper plant or held a fund-raising event for the workers of South Wales, there were dozens more heading for megabuck starting salaries in the City and a pre-stock market crash promise of wealth everlasting.

The dream did not last. We became the disappointed generation, inheriting negative equity and job insecurity

bankers was no longer a passport to success, but just a ticket for a temporary salary. Redundancy became commonplace in professions bitherto unaffected by its nasty shock, and short-term contracts a new norm.

One woman was spotted yesterday in the bread basket of a bicycle

The cause may be doomed, the workers may not be right - though if Lonsonable it should honour it.

So yesterday, we gave a little cheer.

don Underground management last year made a promise, it seems rea-But the absolute merits of the case are barely the point. The broad-brush impressions are what excite the sympathy: that management may not be playing fair, that terms and conditions are being eroded, that this is one last stand against bosses who have been holding all the cards and have the ultimate threat - there are plenty of peo-ple who want the jobs if those in dispute do not.

Such militant chuckling over strike action is not simply the last dying note of radicalism, nor the mischievous amusement of those never to have voted for a party in power. For there is a serious point, too. Earlier this month, the Institute of Personnel and Development warned that rising grievances at work were threatening Britain's economic competitiveness. It called for a government inquiry into employee relations and for companies

effort. If managers want people who will stick their necks out, rather than keep their heads down, they will have to rebuild the trust that has been lost." Disruption caused by the tube strike is a little local difficulty, albeit detrimental to the ease of everyday life and work. The British are renowned for grit in overcoming all hurdles. No tubes? Then we walk, share a cab with

to rebuild lost trust with their work-

forces. Geoff Armstrong, the IPD

director, warned: "The prospect of the

axe is hardly going to encourage some-

one to innovate or make that extra

strangers, queue for hours for a bus. One woman was spotted in the bread basket of a bicycle.

Such inconvenience is tolerable. The strong sense of grievance in the workforce is not. It bodes badly for the success of the nation.

British Gas sues Government for £1bn

Embattled group files writ over tax payments

CHRIS GODSMARK Business Correspondent

British Gas yesterday filed an unprecedented £1bn writ against the Department of Trade and Industry to claim back taxes which it said it should never have paid. The company fiercely denied suggestions that the audacious legal move was an attempt to lessen its difficulties over the £30bn-worth of socalled take-or-pay contracts with other gas producers. The DTI responded by issu-

ing "protective writs" against the 27 oil and gas companies which are the subject of some of British Gas's oldest contracts, written as long as 30 years ago. Little warning was given about the legal action, but the DTI immediately made it clear that the Government did not accept the validity of the claim.

This is the latest episode in British Gas's battle to protect

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holders, or "Sids", who have watched the share price slump by a third over the past yearalone. Apart from the simmering take-or-pay problem. British Gas is facing the likelihood of a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation over its acrimonious row with the industry regulator, Ofgas. The gap between the two sides over a controversial price formula, which would cut revenues from the pipeline business, Transco, by up to 28 per cent appears as

Gas Levy, a tax created by the Conservative Government in 1981 to make up for the fact that existing contracts to buy North Sea gas were exempted from Petroleum Revenue Tax (PRI).
This tax came into effect in tion profits made by oil com-

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With this I thee sue: the privatisation favourite of the Eighties turns on the Government with record writ

British Gas was the result of remillions of privatisation sharesearch by its in-house lawyers and the firm of Ashurst Morris Crisp, who had discovered what amounts to a legal loophole when examining one of the pre-1975 contracts last year. By Christmas they had widened

The legal claim relates to the 1975, and is levied on produc-

their investigation into other contracts which pre-dated the introduction of PRL Some had been amended so many times that British Gas's lawyers believe they had ceased to have any legal validity. Technical provisions in the Gas Act 1986, which provided the framework for privatisation, created doubt about who these contracts apply to. The 1986 legislation suggest the the Gas Levy could be paid by "other parties." It was subsequently amended in

sold the gas should be. In a statement the DTI explained its counter writ against the producer companies, which include BP, Esso, Mobil and Shell. "The DTI does not believe that British Gas's interpretation of the law is correct. However it cannot ignore the risk, how-ever small, that British Gas may prove to be right. If British Gas were proved to be right, then the Government would have levy claims against producers of the gas in question."

British Gas issued the writ in the High Court yesterday, but it has yet to be formally served on the DTL The company has up to four months to serve the writ. In a brief amouncement the company said: "We are pursuing directly with the DTI the legal position. Accordingly, pending the outcome of the



Richard Giordano, chairman of British Gas: Fighting back on behalf of 'Sids

made as to whether or not to pursue these proceedings."

Analysts suggested that this was an attempt to pressurise the Government into abolishing the levy - 4p a therm - and amounting to about 1p a therm on consumers' gas bills. Levy payments have decreased over the past 10 years as the fields come to the end of their lives.

process, no decision has been At its peak in 1985/6 British Gas paid £525m. Last year the Levy was worth £150m, and it is estimated that over the next decade it could earn the Treasury around £1bn. Since 1981, the Gas Levy has netted the

Government £5.6bn. But there was doubt about the possibility of further negotiations taking place. In a letter sent by the DTI to the firms af-

fected by its protective writ, it said there were "no plans to en-ter into negotiations with BG." The companies affected were equally taken aback by the DTI writs. BP said it was considering the matter, but could not yet

make any comment. Other firms said many of the directors who needed to be informed were on holiday.

Although the DTI did not ac-

cept British Gas's arguments, analysts suggested they must have some legal strength. Simon Flowers from Nat West Markets said: "They wouldn't have gone to the trouble of issuing a writ unless they genuinely believe there's a reasonable legal case."

The claim is unlikely to come to court, but should British Gas gain a billion pound windfall, it may not be distributed to long

suffering "Sids". The Gas Con-sumers Council aruges that British Gas promissed seven years ago to give any reductions in the levy to constomers. Ian Powe, the council chairman, said: "If British Gas wins, we shall remember its earlier promises."
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boost British Gas shares, which gained 2p to 193.5p.

ICI cuts 2,700 jobs as profits slump

TOM STEVENSON City Editor

Imperial Chemical Industries is to shed a further 2,700 jobs as it accelerates its latest costcutting programme in a bid to counter a slump in demand and prices in its core industrial chemical markets. Planned savings of £400m a year are now expected by the middle of 1997,

a year ahead of schedule. The company announced the targets yesterday as it shocked the City with a worse-than-expected 28 per cent drop in first half profits. The collapse from £510m to £367m was exacerbated by a £137m exceptional charge to cover the cost of the performance improvement programme, which was first announced in February.

Analysts, who had pencilled in profits of between £387m and £403m, were vesterday busy reducing expectations for the full away from commodity chemi-

£750m. In 1995, ICT's profits more than doubled to £927m. There was a luke-warm re-

action from the City to the news. Jeremy Chantry, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, said: "The management clearly are intent on looking at the performance and trying to improve it where they see fit. The shares, however, closed 17p lower at 761p. well down on their peak of 954p, achieved in April.

Hardest hit was ICI's industrial chemicals operation, which last year chipped in 60 per cent of group profits. This time the contribution tumbled from £298m to £121m as prices fell

by as much as 40 per cent. Charles Miller Smith, chief executive, described the problems in industrial chemicals as a pause rather than a slump, but he said the group was planning

year to between £650m and cals towards less volatile materials and paints businesse "It has been a tough and demanding year so far and prof-

itability has suffered. Clearly we need to do more to improve the return," he said. The move could involve asset sales of non-performing businesses and possibly spin-offs of operations and alliances with

other manufacturers. Mr Miller Smith insisted, however, that the group's stated target of a 20 per cent return on net assets was still achievable, despite a fall in the ratio this

year from 18 to 14 per cent. Elsewhere in the group, performances were mixed. Paints profits grew from £47m to £70m despite what the company described as "generally difficult market conditions". Materials, such as polyurethanes and films,

were also strong, with profits up from £86m to £115m. ICI's regional businesses in



Charles Miller Smith and finance director Slan Spall: ICI's disappointing results have added greater urgency to their cost-cutting programme

countries such as Australia and Canada had a poor second quarter which left the profit contribution for the half year down f2m at £71m. The explosives operation was dogged by loss-

es in the US, and saw profits slide from £28m to £12m. Mr Miller Smith said of the US operation: "Our US operations are in loss and this must stop, so radical restructuring is

being implemented. We in-tend to concentrate on fewer sectors, withdraw from unprofitable sales and cut overhead sharply. Investment Column, page 21

Results warning as Philips axes 6,000

PETER RODGERS

group, is to cut 6,000 jobs in the first large scale redundancy programme since the company nearly went to the wall in 1991. The cuts led to a provision of

F1760m (£290m) in yesterday's second quarter figures, resulting in the first quarterly loss of F1456m after tax - since the 1991 crisis. Philips also warned the full year results would be down on last year's FL583m.

The cuts are to be at manufacturing plants in its Sound and Vision business which employs 70,000 to make videos, televi-

sions and similar equipment. After the initial shock in the Dutch stock market, there was robust recovery in Philips shares from a morning slump, which ended F12.70 higher at FI51.30 as analysts applauded the restructuring plans. Some of the jobs are to be relocated from Europe to cheaper manufacturing centres in the Far East

and low cost parts of Europe.

Few redundancies are expected at Philips' UK plant Philips' consumer electronics have been hit by poor sales trends which are plaguing all manufacturers in the industry, particularly in Europe.

Simon Street of Barclays de Zoete Wedd said: "It's not just Philips. We have not really had any major new products. If manufacturers finally agreed on a standard for the new digital video disc it could give the market a big fillip."

Dudley Eustace, Philips' finance director, said the "pay-back period" for the redundancies would be 18 months and they would be implemented as soon as possible.

Philips has shed 55,000 jobs worldwide since the peak of 330,000 at the end of the 1980s as part of a long term streamlining programme. But Sound and Vision was largely untouched by the earlier phases.

MAM slashes

fees for Cairn

Second price cut to secure Somerfield flotation

NIGEL COPE

The ill-starred flotation of the Somerfield supermarket group finally looked set to go ahead last night after the price of the issue was dramatically cut for the second time in a week. The price was reduced from 160p to 145p to help satisfy institutional investors nervous about the jittery stock markets. At that price the company is

valued at £430m compared with £548m at the original valuation of around 185p. "We were going night of the Isosceles parent STOCK MARKETS

to get this thing away, no mat-ter what it took," one insider company's debt holders said

Though an official announcement is not expected until this morning, it is thought that the offer will be fully subscribed. Barring last minute hitches the shares are expected to start dealings a week later than planned on 9 August.

Kleinwort Benson will not underwrite the offer until today. The revised offer was also conditional on a board meeting last

Yesterday's price cut was the final act in an increasingly fran-tic attempt by the company's advisors to help get the troubled float away. It is understood that the brokers found that not only were orders not coming in but existing orders were being pulled due to worries, about

stock market turbulence. Only institutions which had already applied for the shares were offered the lower price. It is thought that most of the INTEREST RATES

The second price cut also again reduces the bonuses that are scheduled to be paid to the Somerfield board. That total will now be cut from more than £9m to around £8m. Chief executive David Simons is in line for £3m compared to the original £5m, though he will be investing £1.6m of the net total in the

company's shares. The second price cut puts Somerfield shares on a prospec-

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five with a yield of almost nine. At these ratings the float has gained some fans in the City.

"You have to say that at that price, it's pretty OK." one analyst said. He added that other companies' ratings such as Kwik Save now looked far to high. Somerfield, which is the former Gateway supermarkets business, is the largest nonprivatisation issue of the year

and has been by far the most troubled. It has been dogged by misfortune since the outset by CURRENCIES

by a profits warning from Iceland, the frozen food retailer, which precipitated the first

price cut. The retail offer to private shareholders closed on Friday though the company has not released details on the volume of take-up. Private investors will also be eligible for the lower. 145p price. Some analysis expect that if the float does go ahead as expected the shares will open at a premium close to the previous price of 160p.

writing markets came vesterday when Mercury Asset Manage-ment took on the entire sub-underwriting for a £50m rights issue by Cairn Energy at a cutprice fee.

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MAM, the City's largest fund managers, charged the oil exploration company 0.5 per cent. far less than the standard fee for sub-underwriting of 1.25 per cent. It also said it would take the stock on to its own books at the market price of 280p on Wednesday ahead of the announcement, rather than at the usual discount. MAM's funds already own 11 per cent of Cairn.

Signs of emerging price com-petition in the City's under-

MAM is one of the staunchest City campaigners to preserve the traditional underwritten rights issue against new methods of raising capital promoted by some big investment banks.

These banks would like to water down or abolish preemption rights for existing shareholders and sell new share issues by book-building or bought deals, in which they take all the stock on their own

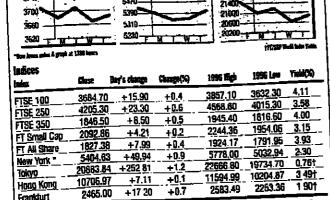
The rights issue underwriting system favoured by MAM and its allies has been under pres-sure after an Office of Fair Trading inquiry commissioned from London Business School found the City overcharged heavily for its underwriting services.

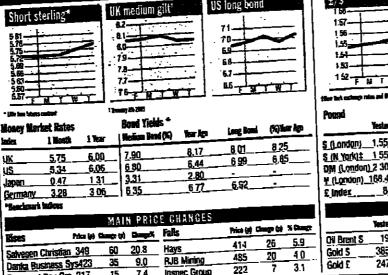
A follow-up inquiry by the Bank of England disputed the scale of the excess fees but acknowledged that the problem

The OFT urged companies to put pressure on the City to cut underwriting fees and introduce more competition into the market place but there have been few signs of breakdown in the 40-year-old fee structure, which allocates 0.5 per cent of the proceeds to the advisers, 0.25 per cent to the brokers and 1.25 per cent to the sub-under-

In the background is a threat by the OFT to refer the whole question of underwriting fees and the cost of raising capital to the Monopolies and Merg-

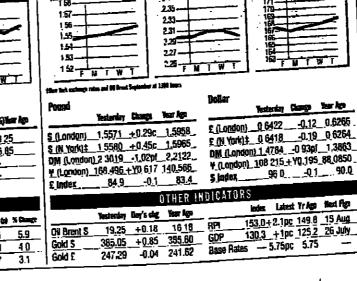
ers Commission this autumn. There appeared to be no danger of MAM being left with the stock. The shares rose 38p to 318p after the announcement. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell is the adviser on the one-for-five rights issue at 280p.





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Trade Secretary, Ian Lang, has nothing to do with the way its shareholders have been mugged over the last 12 months by a com-To the average man bination of government ministers and reg-

ulators. No, siree.

Simply protecting our rights under the statute of limitations. Come to that it will probably never even get to court if we can all be grown up and settle amicably.

Odd, then, that it has taken the company decade to cotton onto the possibility that it has been massively overpaying gas levy to the taxman on North Sea contracts signed back in the 1970s.

Odd also that if British Gas should win. the Government has to counter-sue the North Sea oil majors to recover the money. Odd, too, that it is those self-same oil majors with whom British Gas is in dispute over £40hn of gas contracts for which it now, inconveniently, does not have customers. Odd, finally, that if it does come to court British Gas may end up in effect suing itself since some of the contracts in question were signed with its own exploration arm.

Perhaps they have been on the laughing gas around at Dick Giordano's office for only someone with an out-size sense of humour could seriously suggest that British Gas's well-documented travails and yesterday's writ are unconnected.

To the average man in the street this looks

liability that will probably top £2bn and we will see you in court.

As British Gas so earnestly says, it may not come to that. Instead of sticking out for the film tax rebate, it would probably settle for the abolition of future gas levy which, incidentally, would save about the same amount

over the next decade. But it is a rum way of going about things and one which was greeted with surprise and not a little irritation inside the DTI.

It is impossible to tell whether British Gas has a case that merits attention given the highly compex and technical nature of the claim it is bringing. Tax law is a minefield into which only those with the slickest of advocates enter.

But its tactics still look mighty peculiar. In as much as the Government has intervened in the talks between British Gas and the oil producers, it has made it plain that the vast liabilities faced by the company are a burden which should be shouldered as widely as possible.

Now, however, British Gas has chosen to pick a fight with the Government. It is already in conflict with its regulator, its customers and its suppliers and could soon be packed off to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

The route BAe might choose to fly

The sky was black yesterday with denials from British Aerospace and Daimler Benz about a merger of their respective mil-itary aircraft businesses. Tommy taking over supplies to the Luftwaffe? What rot. The Hun would never stand for it. What's more they didn't win Euro 96 just to capitulate to the first Tornado squadron across the Channel. Whilst it may be true that BAe is only

engaged in specific talks about acquiring a slice of Thomson CSF's weapons business in France, the fact is that consolidation is now the buzzword. For two decades Europe's defence groups have muddled along by collaborating on important projects like Eurofighter, a compromise between the need for economies of scale and the demands of national procurement pro-

But now the mega-mergers within the US defence industry, notably the Lockheed Martin combination, have forced the Europeans to revisit how best their own manufacturers might be grouped.

BAe has been at the forefront of this

perhaps something on a grander scale. It will not be an easy task to cement alliances across Europe that involve one nation's defence capabilities being acquired by another. Chauvinism and continued state ownership of much manufacturing capacity on the Continent are two obvious deterrents.

Even exchange of minority cross-shareholdings, a concept examined at the begin-ning of the 1990s by BAe and Daimler, proved impossible to bring to fruition. So for all the talk, full-scale merger will probably remain a longer-term project. In the shorter term a profitable route for BAe to fly might be a merger with GEC - an alliance of airframe and defence electronics that would bring more potent benefits than any European tic-up. The resulting national champion might be a non-starter as far as the present administration is concerned. But in George Simpson, who takes over in six weeks at GEC, there is the man who could broker a merger. On present election timing, he would have just about the right amount of time to put a deal to Tony Blair's first Cab-

Frost to make Hays while the sun shines

Being smoked out by the Takeover Panel is never the best start to a takeover bid As many a general has discovered, opening the idea of joint ventures, but if Ronnie Frost's Hays Group can secure ingup the battle on too many fronts is a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-ingup the battle on too many fronts in a sure-

harm will have been done.

Hauling chilled chicken tikka masala and ladies dresses about the countryside may not he everybody's idea of excitement but if there is going to be a number one European logistics company then it might as well be

Hays.
The customer fit looks good - they only overlap on Marks and Spencer and Tesco and even then they handle different products - as does the geographic match with Hays strong in Europe and Christian Salvesen in the UK.

Where the marriage is less compelling is in the baggage Christian Salvesen hauls in its wake. It may be a long way from its whaling and timber origins and it may have slimmed down radically under the present management. But it still has a heavy presence in the UK supermarket sector where the buying power of the likes of Sainsbury makes for low margins. Hays, by contrast, has eleverly built a network by acquiring unquoted companies across Europe where the power of the retailers is nowhere near

as great.

Still Mr Frost is a canny operator and even if there is no agreed offer he can probably count on the support of the Salvesen family, who own around a third of the business and by all accounts, are restive with the present management. He promises he will not overpay, but how many times have investors

Hays sounds out £1bn takeover of rival Salvesen

NIGEL COPE

Hays Group, the distribution, personnel and document delivery company, has made a takeover approach for its 150year-old transport rival Christian Salvesen, that would value the company at around £1bn.

Hays said yesterday it hoped it could achieve an agreed deal that would need the consent of the Salvesen family which controls 40 per cent of the shares. Christian Salvesen said the offer was unwelcome. However, Hays chief executive Ronnie Frost said he would not rule out "going hostile"

Analysts said the likely pricetag for Salvesen would be some expecting the company to quarters of group sales. agree to the deal. "The comanalyst said.

would make Hays, currently worth £1.7bn, an FT-SE 100 company with a dominant position in the distribution sector. Christian Salvesen shares

Hays' stock slipped back 26p to 414p. Hays said it had already held discussions with Christian Salvesen but was seeking further meetings. "We've been looking at the company for two years. This is not just a flash in the pan," Mr Frost said.

One problem is that Christian Salvesen chief executive Chris Masters is on holiday and is not scheduled to return until Sunday. A board meeting has been scheduled for next week to discuss the approach.

Hays said in March that it was looking for acquisitions. However, it was thought the targets might be in Europe as the company has been trying to reduce its dependence on the UK around 350p per share with which still accounts for three-

pany is aware of the need for Christian Salvesen would make nesses. consolidation in the sector," one a perfect fit with strong businesses but only two common If the deal went ahead it clients. The main attraction is Christian Salvesen's European distribution business which it has been building up.

Hays has been a strong performer on the stock market soared from 289p to 349p while since it went public in 1989. Rebels fail to oust 'part-time' utility boss

A third of shareholders at the annual meeting of Yorkshire Water yesterday voted against the election of Brandon Gough as part-time chairman.

The attempted rebellion, however, failed to overturn his appointment but came after a long debate about his ability to run the much criticised company on a part-time basis - mainly from his base in Kent.

The row at the company came as six other electricity and water utilities, including United Utilities - which is defending a new pay package for its top people - hold their annual

meetings today.
Mr Gough, 58, who became £120,000-a-year chairman of Yorkshire Water in April, admitted he would only be able to devote two days a week to the job - and just one of those would be in Yorkshire. The rest of his time will be spent in his role as director of three public companies and chairman of two government bodies.

Pete Bowler, of pressure group Yorkshire Waterwatch. said: "How do you propose to lead a Yorkshire-based regional don't have problems in London. we have them here."

Anne Simpson, of the cor-Pirc, added: "We're extremely concerned that the chairman is planning to spend only one day in Leeds. He said in his own speech that you need to stay close to your customers. If six ning the day-to-day business as



Ousted temporarily: Brandon Gough after yesterday's meeting was evacuated for a fire alarm Photograph: Guzelian

days of the week the chairman isn't in the area, it's very difficult to achieve that."

But Mr Gough said because he was a non-executive chairman, with Dr Kevin Bond run-

vices, he was devoting enough time to the ich.

He added: "My home is where my home is, my home is our management for being "inwhere my wife is. The board ac-

Striking a balance: Continental trade offsets worsening deficit as BRC calls for benefits reforms

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cumstances are. Earlier, shareholders had criticised the company's previ-

Mr Gough said the company had learnt from its experience and from criticisms made since by Ofwat and by an inquiry into

the handling of the drought.

IN BRIEF

 Britannia Building Society has suspended almost 20 per cent of its sales force after an internal review found they were failing to follow recognised procedures. The society insisted customers were not affected by the actions of 39 of its 184 sales representatives and there was no evidence of mis-selling. Staff concerned were selling life insurance and investment products, such as PEPs and unit trusts, to existing customers from branches all over the country.

 The Securities and Futures Authority has fined Kidder Peabody £40,000 and £27,000 pounds in costs over failures in the supervision of the activities of its options traders. Also reprimanded and fined were Peter Bryant and Jorge Villon, who were co-heads of its European government bond options desk. The SFA said Mr Bryant, who was fined £5,000 and ordered to pay £3,300 costs, failed to update data that should have been changed in accordance with SFA rules and that the effect was to understate losses on the options books by around \$3.5m (£2.25m). Mr Villon failed to update interest rates on a daily basis and, in April 1994, failed to keep up to date with volatility rates for long dated options on the German book, the SFA said. He was fined £2,500, plus £3,000 costs.

 Ascot Holdings confirmed a £270m bid for mini-conglomerate Suter yesterday, whose board recommended the cash and shares offer. The terms of the offer are £797.63 plus 435 Ascot shares for every 1,000 Suter shares, worth 225p a share at Ascot's closing price of 334p, down 27p. There is also a cash alternative of 230p a share. Ascot said it planned to evaluate Suter's four businesses, which include refrigeration, chemicals, engineering and motor parts operations, with a view to concentrating on two and selling the remainder. To help fund the deal, Ascot, which was formerly known as Control Securities, is planning to raise a further £30m from asset sales including the disposal of 170 pubs and a hotel.

• IBM announced second-quarter earnings of \$1.3bn (£836m), down from the \$1.7bn earned in the same quarter last year. The decline was less sharp than expected and the news offered fresh relief to technology stocks in New York, particularly on the battered Nasday, which rose strongly in morning trading. Louis Gerstner, the IBM chairman, said earnings had been affected by currency exchange losses and a drop in the price of memory chips. The gross total profit margin slipped to 39.5 per cent in the quarter from 42.5 per cent. Revenues in North America increased 11 per cent from a year ago, but declined 2 per cent in the Europe-Middle East-Asia markets.

• Durable goods orders in the US fell by 0.8 per cent in June, boosting the bond market by sending fears of an imminent rise in interest rates into retreat. The fall slightly bigger than expected, followed a strapping 4.2 per cent jump in orders in May. New claims for job-less benefits fell by 45,000 to 322,000 last week. The less volatile four-week average fell by 8,000 to 360,500. Federal Reserve governor Janet Yellen said yesterday the US economy would slow in the second half of the year, further reassuring financial markets.

 Dawson International is closing its Joseph Dawson woolcombing operation with the loss of 180 jobs in Bradford and establishing a new cashmere procurement and dehaving operation in China. It said it could not justify the further investment required to meet environmental regulations, given the long-term outlook for the UK woolcombing industry.

 Kookai, the privately-owned fashion retailer, is reversing into Forminster, the quoted clothing manufacturer, in an £1 Im deal. Forminster also announced a drop in losses from £2.3m to £519,000 in the year to 30 April.

Growth in exports to Retailers call for tax cuts Europe narrows deficit to tackle benefits trap

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Britain was less in the red in its trade in goods with the rest of the world in May, but moved into a bigger deficit with non-EU countries in June. Government statisticians said yesterday the trend in the volatile monthly. gap between exports and imports was broadly flat.

Floated at 100p, the shares

have quadrupled in seven years

a three-legged structure based

on distribution, commercial

services such as document de-

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many of its rivals, including Christian Salvesen, have found

their distribution businesses

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Christian Salvesen grew out

of a whaling and timber business

and is still a family dominated

company. But it has found the

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Chief executive Dr Chris

shares have performed poorly.

Masters has been re-structuring

the group for six years during

Its core businesses are dis-

tribution where its main clients

are Sainsbury and M&S and

Aggreko, the power genera-

tion and control division which

ran into problems in 1994.

From the peak that year of 400p

the shares have since tumbled

to around the 300p mark.

The company has developed

Behind the mixed headline figures lie a worsening trade balance with non-EU countries but an improvement in EU trade, published a month later. Fears that growing consumer demand will suck in imports have so far proved unfounded, while exports to other EU members have grown unexpectedly depite the economic slowdown on the Continent.

The global trade balance narrowed from £1.4bn to £985m in May. A drop in the EU deficit from £564m to £171m explained the improvement. Excluding oil and erratic items such as aircraft and precious stones, the underlying volume



per cent in the year to May, compared to growth of just 0.3 per cent in import volumes. However, the non-EU shortfall widened from £814m in May to £1.1bn in June. This was the

niggest gap since February 1993. Half of a 6.5 per cent drop in non-EU exports in June was due to a decline in shipments of oil and erratic items. The underlying growth of export volumes slowed to 8.3 per cent in the year to June from 9.6 per cent the pre-

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panded by 13.9 per cent, slightof exports to the EU grew by 9.3 ly faster than the previous month. gether, the trend in exports improved in the three months to June. They rose a whopping 16.3 per cent at an annualised rate. Imports slowed down, rising at

an annual 7.5 per cent rate.

Taking both components to-

The ups and downs of the trade deficit during the past 12 months mean financial markets rarely react to a single month's figure. City economists were divided yesterday about Britain's

Britain's retailers are calling on The submission says: "The the Government to cut taxes for interaction between the tax and

the low paid and make the move from claiming benefits into work more attractive, In an echo of Labour's "wel-

fare to work" policy, the British Retail Consortium argues that the disincentives to work, due to the loss of benefits for people who start earning, are too great. Starting wages in retailing are low enough to be com-peting with social security. The BRC's pre-Budget sub-

mission to Chancellor Kenneth Clarke, the first of the season, says there should be modest tax cuts "targeted towards the lower end of the income spectrum". It argues for higher allowances or a wider low rate

Andrew Higginson, chairman of the BRC's economic affairs committee, said: "Potential employees are saying to us that it is difficult for them to give up their welfare benefits. As employers we want to see that ad-

benefit systems can result in individuals being unwilling to take work for fear of being

made worse off as a result." It also calls for reform of the employers' national insurance rates to remove the big step change in their liability - from £3.15 to £5.50 - at £110 a week. This discourages them from biring staff for more than a limited number of hours a week, according to the retailers, most of whom have many part-time employees.

Potential recruits can be better off turning down pay of up to £4.50 an hour and staying unemployed because they lose benefits at such a sharp rate when they move into work. That level is well above the £3.50 that the Labour Party is expected to set as a minimum wage, and close to the typical pay level in most of the big retail groups. A married person with two

children would only be £17.40 better off as a result of taking a job paying £140 a week. The

reason for the high effective tax rate on the extra earnings is mainly due to the loss of housing and council tax benefits, along with additional costs such as travel and child care.

.The possibility of working in the "informal" or "black" economy on top of claiming benefit adds to the unattractiveness of taking a low-paid job. Some estimates put potential average earnings from benefits plus the informal economy at over £200 a week. Benefit fraud is thought to exceed £2.5bn a year.

The BRC has added pleas to reduce the administrative burden on small businesses and the extension of capital allowances to commercial buildings to its Budget shopping list. It wants the Uniform Business Rate to go up by less than inflation, on top of keeping the transitional relief scheme in force.

The retailers' trade association has also joined the drinks lobby in pleading for further re-ductions in alcohol duties, to bring the UK closer in line with

Labour proposes league tables of training data

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

A future Labour Government would publish league tables of Britain's biggest companies to reveal their commitment to training their workforce.

The initiative, to be announced today by Stephen Byers, Labour's employment spokesman, takes the present Government's policy of league tables for schools and diverts it into the world of business.

Labour has already revealed

its intention to introduce legislation stipulating that annual reports contain details about training. The league tables which would cover the top 100 companies employing a total of 3.5 million people - will ensure the information attracts maximum publicity. Labour believes it might put "friendly public qualification. pressure" on businesses to spend more on improving emplovees' skills.

The tables would cover issues such as the amount spent per employee: the percentage of the

workforce taking part in pro-grammes; and the amount invested in individual training accounts and the number of employees taking advantage of them. There will also be a comparison between companies of the number and percentage of employees gaming a recognised

Speaking at the International Union of Socialist Teachers today in Birmingham, Mr Byers is set to say the policy will provide a "powerful incentive". He will add that the estab-

lishment of a "training culture" is vital for the future of the coonomy and that companies' records on training should be

exposed to public scrutiny.

Mr Byers believes the league tables would place no extra burden on individual businesses. It would, however, concentrate the minds of senior

company executives. The establishment of such tables will send a clear message to businesses of the importance that a new Labout gov-ernment attaches to training."

He argues that Labour has al-should be encouraged to invest ready demonstrated its keen- in their employees. ness not to overburden business by abandoning the idea of a retary to the council, said TECs

training levy on companies. The Confederation of British Industry yesterday would not comment on the issue, preferring to await more detail on the

The national council of the cil, which represents the 81 employer-led TECs in England

"We would also hope such

Training and Enterprise Coun-league tables would take into account the complexity of the data and the difficulties inand Wales, supported Labour's volved in comparing compacontention that companies nies," he said.

However, Nigel Chilcott, sec-

would want to be sure the

Labour Party's "interesting pro-

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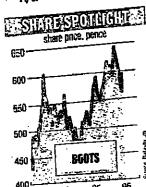
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market report/shares Upbeat Footsie relegates ICI from bellwether status

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Calm returned to the London market yesterday as institutional investors chose to sit on their hands after the recent ruc-

tions on both sides of the At-Dealers ignored the poor second-quarter results from ICI, a former beliwether stock, to focus on Nationwide Building Society's quarter-point rate cut, bullish noises from high street retailer Boots and a firm start on Wall Street. The Footsie closed just off its intraday high at 3684.7, a gain of 15.9.

ICI fell 17p to 761p as brokers downgraded their estimates. Boots, on the other hand, put on 15p to 599p after reporting a 5 per cent likefor-like sales increase at Boots the Chemist in the first quarter, while its DIY arm Do It All of 8.4 per cent.

which closed 11p higher at 193p, a level last seen at the end of 1994. Earlier this year

Anita and Gordon Roddick abandoned plans to take the company they founded private. The shares have subsequently rebounded - just as they did when Alan Sugar tried a similar buy-back trick with Amstrad a few years ago. Talk of Body Shop pursuing a more progressive dividend policy has attracted buyers, though last month lan McGlinn, the reclusive former garage owner who made millions by investing £4,000 to

open Mrs Roddick's second shop in 1976, cashed in some of his fortune. Bid activity, real and ru-

moured, was also in evidence. Hays' pursuit of fellow dis-



MARKET REPORT PATRICK TOOHER

Cheltenham and Gloucester

Among the other signifi-

cant gainers were Rolls-Royce

also helped.

offer will be recommended. Shares in Salvesen soared 60p to 349, while Hays slipped 26p

Confirmation of an offer for mini-conglomerate Suter pushed the shares 18p ahead at 215p in trade of 7.9m. Ascot Holdings, the bidder, relinquished 27p at 334p.

Takeover whispers also returned to the electricity sector. East Midlands touched 585p in hectic trade sparked by a rumour it will find itself on the receiving end of a hostile American bid worth 700p next

week, hardening 2 p to 193.5p following the company's move to recover around £1ba, paid as gas levies, from the Department of Trade and Industry. Analysts thought the move was unlikely to benefit shareholders, however, suggesting that, if the claim was success-Electricity 10p better at 605p, ful, the funds would probably

Yorkshire 9p ahead at 663p. Southern 7p to the good at 657p be paid over a long period and would have to be distributed to while Northern rose 9p to 534p. the company's customers. Lloyds TSB was the day's Dixons fell 10p to 483p on best blue-chip performer, fears that the DTI will impose adding 12p to 340.5p ahead of statutory pricing on the sale of today's results. Strong results from its mortgage lending unit

extended guarantees. Reuters remained friendless, falling another 17p to 686p on further consideration of its low revenue growth in results yesterday and concerns at 224p, up 8p, and British Aerospace at 943p, 18p highthat the expected share buyback may not be imminent. er on the back of the Govern-

Two buy notes breathed new life in biotech bahe Chiro-

of 620p by the end of next year. The major contributor to this assessment is local anaesthetic drug levobupivacine, which makes up a third of Chiroscience's estimated worth. though no other product contributes more than 10 per cent. Williams de Broe is even more bullish, estimating a net present value of 528p.

News of "buoyant trading in recent months" from restaurant groups gave Pizza Express a fillip, sending the shares 28p higher to 398p. Pelican rose 5p

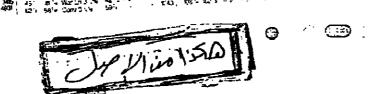
295p, after reporting an "excellent start" to the year. However, shares in Wolstenholme Rink came down to earth. Over 1000p at the beginning of the month, they crashed 145p to 808p after the

Sterling Publishing continued its tentative recovery, adding 2p to 27p. Managing director Michael Summers

picked up 75,000 shares at Wednesday's closing price, his second purchase in three days. The USM-listed publisher of international reference books and magazines has been struggling to restore confidence since a warning last year of problems with advertisers in the former Soviet bloc sent the shares tumbling from 100p to 20p. Last week Sterling posted reduced losses of £2.6m after pulling out of Eastern Europe, House to 144p in sympathy.
Software group Admiral was broker Credit Lyonnais looks for pre-tax profits of £2.5m in also in demand, rising 30p to the year to March.

TRPS moved 5p higher to 136p. The environmental consultancy which works with BAA on the Terminal Five extension at Heathrow airport

ment's defence procurement tributor Christian Salvesen decisions covering around posted record interim results. chemicals group issued a profscience, 11p higher at 324p. week. The shares ended the sesshowed an underlying increase could result in an agreed bid £4bn in of orders. sion at 571p, up 32p. The spec-Lehman Brothers' valuation Shares in British Gas conworth over £1bn. It is seeking its warning. The positive news from ulation ignited interest in the model suggests the shares are an early meeting with tinued their good run this rest of the sector, with London Boots also lifted shares in cos-Salvesen's board and hopes any Prices are in stelling except where stated. The yield is last year's dividend, grossed up billion of the state of the price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the shane price. The price/earnings (P/E) ratio is the shane price that it is the state of Independent Index, including its portfolio facility, pt For assistance, call our helpline 0171 873 4375 (9.30am - 5.30pm) FT-SE 100 Index hour by hour Survive Section 1 and 1 an even the shocks on Assessment of the control of the con Services of the services of th ## All lest
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Steer clear of flabby, unwieldy ICI

If you are running a tracker fund, you have no choice about being invested in ICI. With a market value, even after spinning off Zeneca, of more than £5bn it is impossible to ignore. For any other investor, however, it is hard to think of a good reason to look twice at the

As a destroyer of real shareholder value, ICI has been almost without parallel among Britain's larger companies. Since the beginning of 1994 its shares have moved sideways, underperforming the wider market by 11 per cent. Over five years it has lagged by 20 per cent; over 10 the deficit widens to 33 per cent. Yesterday, the shares closed 13p lower at 765p, down from a peak

of 954p in April. Why this should be the case was made abundantly clear vesterday when an accelerated cost-cutting drive was offered as a palliative for a stock market coming to terms with a 28 per cent collapse in pre-exceptional profits for the six months to June. The picture painted of ICI (as a means of suggesting the scope for improvement) was of an unwieldy, flabby behemoth that has become so large as to be almost unmanageable.

Within individual businesses, the City was told, "there appears to be a hidden manufacturing plant", so inefficient are the workings of ICUs factories. By simply bringing these sites up to world standards, over £500m of stock might be released. That ICI is not already up with the best in the world is a worrying indictment of such a central part of Britain's industrial landscape.

Another example. For the first time in more than 20 years, ICI has assembled a map of all its suppliers. The company spends £7bn a year on everything from raw materials to paper clips, but doesn't know centrally where it all comes from. It is hardly surprising that the process can be improved. What is staggering, or not when you think about the scale of ICI, is that it hasn't been done before.

ICI is planning to rip out £400m of costs by the middle of next year. It seems to have been achieving these sort of gains ever since Hanson's non-bid at the beginning of the 1990s gave the group the fright of its life. That may be a sign of good, if belated, management, but it is certainly evidence of a chronically unfit company.

ICI said yesterday it hoped the collapse in industrial chemical prices was a pause in growth rather than the start of a slump. It has, however, prompted the company to rethink its place in the chemicals industry and to start con-sidering shifting the whole emphasis downstream, towards the lighter, higher-margin, less cyclical end of materials and paints. It will be a painful, costly and risky process.

Analysts were yesterday reining in forecasts for the year to between £650m and £750m, the size of the range

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN there are roll-out.

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indicating the volatility and, therefore, low quality of ICI's earnings. A prospective yield of over 5 per cent gives the shares some support, but they remain as unappealing as ever.

Boots reinforces sales rise hopes

It is little wonder Boots' shares jumped 15p to 599p yesterday. Coming after Wednesday's bullish retail sales figures, Boots' update on current trading at its annual meeting confirmed hopes that a retail recovery could be under way.

The shares have had a rocky time since Boots agreed to take control of WH Smith's half of the Do It All DIY business in June. And there have also been doubts about the impact on the chemist chain if re-sale price maintenance were to be removed from overthe counter medicines.

But yesterday's figures showed good performances across the board, even from the long tail of problematic businesses that have so often proved a disappointment. Group sales in the three months to June were 7.2 per cent ahead of the same period last year, with like for like sales at Boots the Chemists 5 per cent higher.

Trading record

Pre-exceptional profits (£m)

Dividends per share (pence) 27.5

Profit by Activity (£m)

There were strong rises in the illstarred DIY businesses. Do It All, which has been the real dog of the portfulio for years, increased comparative

pany stressed it was too early to say if this progress could be sustained. AG Stanley, the Homestyle and Pads operation, also notched up an 8 per cent sales rise, although again it is early days, and the group still has a heavy presence in weaker high street sites. Even Halfords, which has often looked like it has been running on empty, has finally put some gas in the tank and pushed sales 3 per cent higher.

sales by 8.4 per cent, though the com-

Elsewhere in the business, Boots Contracting and Boots Healthcare International also improved sales, with the healthcare business doing partic-

ularly well. All this was backed by upbeat comments from chairman Sir Michael Angus, who said there were "clear signs of a recovery in consumer confidence in the current year. He added that market conditions looked more encouraging than for some time.

Boots ongoing investment of £300m in its chemist chain will see a marketing push for health and beauty prodand new stores added in seven different formats. Also to come is the second trial of the Advantage loyalty card in Boots the Chemist, though

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Kleinwort Benson edged its profit forecasts up for the company to £525m for the current year, which puts the

shares on a forward rating of 16.

They are still a way off the 646p reached in April, and the DIY improvement could prove to be short lived. This makes the forecast about

Unsung Boosey gets noticed

The rise and rise of Boosey & Hawkes has been one of the stock market's unsung success stories over the past few years. Worth just 131p five years ago, the shares peaked at 755p in May. It is perhaps not surprising, on one of the best ratings and lowest yields around, that they should have run out of puff to close last night 3p lower at 725p.

There are plenty of reasons for Boosey to have attracted so much support along the way. It is unique in the British market, one of the three largest musical instrument makers in the world and the owner of one of the best catalogues of classical music copyrights, including such 20th-century giants such as Bartok, Britten, Prokofiev, Shostakovich and Strauss.

As a long-term growth story, both of Boosey's operating businesses have enormous potential. The company has a tiny share of the enormous American market and is well placed to ride what should be very rapid growth in demand in Asia as the fast increas-ing middle classes in the Pacific Rim countries give their children the musical start they would have liked themselves. In publishing, formats such as digital cassette tapes should ensure volumes growing at well above the rate of inflation for years to come.

Not surprisingly, against that favourable backdrop, Boosey finds itself in enviable financial shape. Profits have been rising steadily since current chief executive Richard Holland took over in 1989. Cashflow swamps both earnings and capital expenditure, always a healthy sign, and the dividend is well covered.

So what's the catch? Quite simply, the market has finally woken up to the good news. Even after the recent weakness, the shares trade on a prospective p/e ratio of 32 this year, falling to only 29 to the end of 1997. The expected dividend income yield this year is a meagre 1.2 per cent.

With almost half the shares controlled by US publisher Carl Fischer, it does not require much demand to push up the price, and the shares have doubled in less than a year. That can work in reverse and, despite the good long-term outlook, the shares look vulnerable.

Franglais invades sacred precincts of the Bank

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

Zut alors! There is one thing that the French hate even more than hearing English people trying to speak French, and that is French people speaking the hated Franglais.

Le weekend and le hamhurger are just two examples of the pernicious impact English has had on the French population, and barely a month goes by without yet another official attempt to stem the tide.

With this in mind, Howard Davies, deputy governor of the Bank of England, was astonished to hear a senior French banker refer during a discussion on supervision to les banques too-big-tofail'." The senior female executive of the Banque de France who used this phrase was at the Bank of England to discuss new ways to encourage international co-operation following crashes like

the Baring debacle. She was referring to the French equivalent of the high street banks which are simply too big and important to be allowed to fail. Mr Davies was shocked to hear a member of France's inner establishment using such Franglais.

Even more shocking to outsiders, perhaps, is that the entire discussion in Thread-needle Street was being conducted in French in the first place. Whatever would Norman Tebbit say?

John Moores, eldest son of the late founder of the Liverpool pools dynasty, is retiring from the Littlewoods Organisation at the grand old age of 67, having been with the family firm for 50 years.

He will now be able to devote more time to breeding

'Allo, 'alio: 'Les banques too big to fail' raised eyebrows

Aberdeen Angus cattle on Merseyside, one of his favourite hobbies. Mr Moores is also Chancellor of the John Moores University in Liverpool.

Mr Moores was one of the big three" on the familydominated management board of Littlewoods, the other two being his sister. Lady Grantchester, and James Suenson-Taylor. Fans of dynasties should not worry, however.

There are plenty more Moores in the company ready to take over if need be. Littlewoods was keen to

NIGEL COPE

Filofax directors faced the

wrath of their shareholders

yesterday when the company proposed a sharp increase in

non-executive director fees

and two new share-option

schemes just two days after it

issued a dramatic profits

warning.
The company's shares col-

lapsed by 40 per cent on the warning which claimed de-stocking by WH Smith and

slower growth in the US and Japan would hit this years

One shareholder said the

proposals represented "re-

wards for failure". Another

questioned whether it was

appropriate to recommend in-

creasing non-executive direc-

tor's pay from £20,000 to £50,000 a year given the com-

pany's recent announcement.

Though some shareholders

voted against the schemes both

were waived through.
The criticisms came at Filo-

fax's annual meeting, which

was attended by only a hand-

ful of shareholders in the base-

ment of a Filofax shop in

Ron Corbett, who sold his

business to Filofax in return for

stress that there was no hint of family wrangling with the new chairman of Littlewoods, James Ross, who came in from Cable & Wireless. Mr Moores "just decid-

Fans of John Le Carré will have a field day today when a former MI6 agent appears at an industrial tribunal in Croydon claiming unfair dismissal. A solicitor from the human rights group Liberty, John Wadham, is representing the un-named former spook, who has also put in a claim to the European Court of Human rights.

At the moment the court just has to decide whether the exagent can appear in court at all. Foreign secretary Malcolm Riskind has just issued a certificate banning the former agent from going to the tribunal. Just don't go near anyone carrying pointy umbrellas.

ed this was the time to go". said the company.

David Jefferies, chairman of the National Grid and a leading privatisation fat cat, is about to spend two days with thirty lucky private shareholders, showing them the inner workings of the

company.
Mr Jefferies, who made well over a million from the privatisation from his salary and share options, is launching a National Grid Networking Programme in

December. Thirty investors will be chosen by ballot to visit key company sites, including the control centre at Wokingham, Berkshire, which critics say bears a striking resemblance to "an over-sized

Happy Eater". They will also visit the telecommunications subsidiary Energis and experience the joys of pylon maintenance. At the end of the tour, the 30 will "be asked to feed back their experiences and views to the National Grid Board". I can't wait to see the section on executive pay.

criticised one board member

for selling almost £2m of

However, chief executive

Robin Field said the director

in question, the management

consultant Richard Koch, had

sold the shares in November, well ahead of the warning.

Some shareholders ex-

pressed dismay at the timing of

the warning which came just five weeks after an up-beat re-

"We all came here to con-

gratulate you on last years re-

sults," one said. "One has to

ask the question - are their any

other factors behind the warn-

ing that have not yet been

what words of comfort he

could offer about the com-

pany's future. He replied that

the market for ring binders was

still rising and that Filofax remained the best-known brand.

"In the short term we have

some issues to address but in

the long term we've got a

Mr Field was also asked if

the company might conduct a

share buy-back to increase

shareholder value. Mr Field

said the issue was under con-

sideration but no decision had

He added that acquisitions

were still possible though these

would be smaller deals that

could be done for cash rather

sound business."

been taken.

Mr Field was also asked

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Rise in pay-offs leaves BT profits flat

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

BT unveiled flat first-quarter profits yesterday, but gave little away about its continuing dispute with the industry regulator, Oftel, over the proposed measure to ban anti-competitive be-

Pre-tax profits fell by 0.6 per cent to £869m in the three months to the end of June, although the decline was due to an increase in redundancy payments in the quarter, from £22m to £55m.

BT also pointed out that the 4 per cent rise in its turnover, to £3.04bm, came after price cuts during the year which totalled £132m. Robert Brace, finance director, said that, excluding these, the underlying increase in turnover was around 8 per cent. The price cuts knocked 3.7 per cent off sales of interna-tional calls. Sales of new services were more promising, however, with mobile turnover increasing in the quarter by 24 per cent. Sir Iain Vallance, chairman, said: "BT has demonstrated its continuing resilience as well as the ability to succeed in an increasingly competitive envi-

But competition continued to ronment. hit BT's domestic business, reducing the number of residential customers by 30,000. Mr Brace said about 50,000 homes a month are switching to the cable operators, though at the same time BT is signing up around 40,000 new domestic customers, resulting in a net

monthly loss of 10,000.

He said: We are facing really tough competition, but I think on service and price we are proving that we are very com-

The results also disclosed that just under 1,000 staff took voluntary redundancy over the period, with payouts averaging £52,000. Employees continue to leave BT at a rate of 8,000 a year, unchanged from 1995. Asked about the dispute with Oftel, Mr Brace said the BT hoard had met on Tuesday to discuss the situation and had "reached some decisions".

Scottish TV pays £120m for publisher

MATHEW HORSMAN

The embryo of the first all-Scottish multi-media group was created yesterday when Scottish Television announced the takeover of Caledonian Pub-

Taking advantage of changes to cross-media ownership rules that for the first time allow television companies to control regional newspaper groups, Scottish, the ITV franchise holder for Central Scotland, is paying £120m for Caledonian, publishers of the *Herald* and the Evening Times in Glasgow.

Announcing the final offer yesterday, Gus Macdonald, chairman of STV, said the merger would bring together strong brands and allow the company to better target the key demographics of interest to advertisers".

The offer, in cash or altercompany at about 15 times cur-

rent year forecast earnings, compared with about 19 times for other quoted regional news-

paper groups.
The agreed deal has already received the approval of shareholders representing 83 per cent of the shares, STV said yes-Caledonian's chief executive,

Liam Kane, will leave the company once the formal hand-over is completed. Caledonian will be run by Andrew Flanagan, STV's managing director. Mr Kane had been part of the management group that bought the titles from Lourho in 1992.

and had been eager to take the company public through a flotation. Those plans were abandoned in favour of negotiations with STV when it became clear that the target of at least £100m was unlikely to be reached.

Mr Kane, who had been

given an opportunity to stay, is believed to have preferred to native loan note, values the look for a senior position else-



Eye on the target: Gus Macdonald says the merger brings together stronger brands

in the STV group manage-ment STV said it could achieve annualised savings of about £3m, and that the acquisition would be earnings enhancing. Mr Flanagan added that STV intended to invest further funds in the business, particularly to expand the multi-media and where, rather than work with
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would be no job losses. The merger has won the support of the main political parties in Scotland, but must still receive

regulatory approval. Both the Independent Television Commission and the Office of Fair Trading are expected to review the deal. Mr Macdonald said that the

of synergies between the two companies, and was not dependent on further cost-sharing that might be achieved with STV's 20 per cent owner, Mir-

It has been suggested that the Mirror's Scottish titles, particularly the Daily Record, could share some costs with the Her-

ror Group.

shares instead of cash two years ago, said he was "shattered" by the profits warning. Another pondered whether the collapse in the company's share price might make the company vulnerable to a Tom Drake, who is a non-ex-

central London.

than shares. Last month the company said it was hoping to pick up some branded stationery

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City questions benefits of media cross-overs cedes that there are limits to how much the two companies MAI and United led the way, to be followed now by an Now that two newspaper-teleall-Scottish affair. Mathew Horsman delves deeper

vision mergers have been agreed the £3bn link between MAI and United earlier this vear and yesterday's agreed takeover of Caledonian by Scottish TV - the City is beginning to take a closer look at the whole idea of cross-media ownership. And many analysts do not like what they see.

Are there really any synergies between commercial television and old-fashioned print media? Gus Macdonald, chairman of STV, certainly thinks so. citing the prospect of cross-promotion, tiered advertising sales, common back office, even some shared use of news-gathering

and archives. But in the words of one leading analyst: "The connection between broadcasting and newspapers is very tenuous and

untested". Certainly the tie-up between

United and MAI has shown few alyst at Henderson Crosthsigns to date of having created any new value for shareholders.

Launched, by most accounts, as a defensive move against the unwanted attentions of Michael Green's Carlton Communications, the new company, United News & Media, has so far only tentatively explored ways of bringing the television and print businesses together. largely through a cross-promotion plan to market the new Channel 5, which is 30 per cent-owned by United, in the pages of the group's Express ti-tles and the Daily Star. Everybody thinks that Ru-

waite, said. "In fact, the crosspromotion was pretty marginal. Sky added subscribers because of its programming, not because of the Sun." In the case of the Scottish

deal, the view is mixed. Many in the newspaper industry concede that the geographic overlap of the two businesses give the merger some justification. Mr Macdonald's contention that a "wider revenue base from local and national advertising would be created" strikes many as realistic. Right now, about 90 per cent of STV's advertising is national, directed out of London. In the case of Calepert Murdoch developed Sky donian, about 90 per cent of its Television thanks to the Sun and the Times." Louise Barton, an- advertising is local.

"We would like to rebalance that ratio if we can," Gary Hughes, STV's finance director

But there are grave doubts that other efficiencies will flow from the merger. Certainly the idea that common news gathering could be used for both television and print is rejected by most industry sources. "Yes, you might be able to use a common data base for library and archive material. But the two businesses of broadcasting and print publishing have very little else in common." Mr Macdonald points out

that STV has a library of regional programming that could be used for photo stills in the Caledonian titles. But he con-

could be integrated. Leading print journalists at the Herald would not be allowed to figure prominently on STV's television schedule, for instance, because of strict rules enforced by the Independent Television Commission on "undue prominence.

> problems at Associated Newspapers, which publishes the Daily Mail and operates the cable-exclusive news and entertainment service, Channel One. There may in the future be more room for cross-fertilisa-

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tion between the group's magazines and its television schedule, however, if the ITC agrees to water down strict rules against "masthead" programming, whereby a TV show could be branded with the same

Airline alliances causing turbulence in open skies

The last limp weeks are dragging before the mass fly-out commences. Gatwick to Majorca. Heathrow to Bangkok, Stansted to Florence – holiday flights rather than business travel are weighing heavily on even the most efficient corporate minds at this time of year.

Yet as we dream of leaving on a jet plane", the jetting market may be about to change shape entirely.
British Airways, the biggest airline operator out of the UK, wants to establish an alliance with American Airlines, one of the largest US companies, so they can co-operate and co-ordinate flights. Between them they already fly 61 per cent of passengers between the UK and the US. And if their deal is as advantageous as they suggest, we should expect that market share to rise.

Richard Branson of Virgin is pre-

dictably distressed, and has already given evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Transport which is investigating the alliance. The Department of Trade and Industry is considering the mat-ter too. And the Office of Fair Trading must decide whether to refer the deal to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Quite right. When companies have substantial market share, it is easier for them to abuse their position (raising prices above the market level or avoiding efficiency improvements) and leave consumers

But BA has a cleverly constructed economic case as to why its deal need not be bad for competition, or for consumers. It is worth considerin the end they are not convincing.



be harmed is based on two arguments. First, it claims the relevant market in which competition should be measured is not US-UK, but US-Europe; there the alliance will only hold a 24 per cent market share. Second, it maintains the market structure will change as a result of its deal, allowing the Government to remove some of the obstacles to wider competition.

As far as defining the appropriate market is concerned, BA has an impressive array of figures to back up its point. On the BA117 flight from Heathrow to New York on 12 July this year, 47 per cent of passengers began their journey in London; 33 per cent started elsewhere in Europe;

bound to be more attractive.

However, that is not much use for British customers. For the Germans, a direct flight on Lufthansa and a BA flight via Heathrow may be roughly comparable. But for passengers starting in Britain, a detour via Paris or Frankfurt to the States is not very appealing. We are still locked into the narrower market of UK-US flights, so that is the market the UK competition authorities must consider. It remains the case that the proposed alliance will take

more than half of this market. What then of BA's second argument? Will the alliance at least be counterbalanced by greater competition in transatlantic flights?

Liberalising air traffic routes is not enough to promote effective competition

10 per cent in Asia; and 9 per cent in Africa or the middle east. What airlines call "feeding" passengers comprise a large proportion of BA's transatlantic flights.

The company is clearly competing in a wider market to persuade peo-ple onto its London-US flights. The businessman from Frankfurt could equally travel on Lufthansa direct to New York rather than on BA via Heathrow. Airlines that can offer a

At the moment, international air travel is heavily regulated to prevent airlines flying on any routes they like. Bilateral agreements between governments determine how many companies from each country can fly on particular routes. Between Heathrow and New York, for example, the US and UK Governments have agreed that only two British and

two American airlines may operate. BA argues that its deal with AA would allow the British Government

ment with the US, and open up routes to all comers. This kind of policy already operates across the European Union. Several European countries have already negotiated their own "open-skies" deals with the US – usually predicated on a simi-lar alliance between an American company and their own flag carrier. The German agreement, for example, depended on Lufthansa's new alliance with United Airlines.

BA is terrified the skies might open before it too has the protection of an American big brother to link it up to US domestic connections, and prevent other US companies

drowning it out.
Even if we accept that we should indeed provide some protection for our own flag carrier from those big American bullies, that does not justify allowing the alliance to go ahead.
The fact is that liberalising air traffic routes as BA 'suggests is not enough to promote effective competition between airlines.

A recent research paper from the LSE argues there are several additional obstacles to competition. While the liberalisation of European routes has increased the number of airlines operating and competing across Europe, Pedro Marin maintains that the European flag carriers still enjoy a privileged position. Compared to newcomers, they are believed to be higher quality by their home crowd, and have substantial

advantages in their home airports. In an analysis of 18 major European routes, Marin finds the flag car-riers have higher variable profits than newcomers on any given route. As a result, even when new firms do manage to get going, they are less

Established Firms New entrants

The fact is that it is no good opening the skies if the planes have nowhere to land. Companies need slots at airports, and times when they can take off, land and park their planes. Peak slots are extremely lu-

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son to believe the BA/AA alliance coupled with open skies will significantly improve competition for UK ngers, and we have every reason to believe it will reduce it. BA still has one further retort.

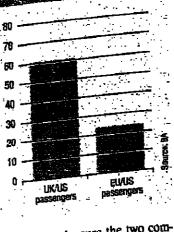
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crative and highly sought after. In several European airports, it is dif-ficult to get any slots at all. Heathrow and Frankfurt in particular are hard

to get into.
Of course, new slots do emerge, and can be deliberately directed towards new entrants. But it is a long, slow cumbersome process to build up money-making slots. So there is no doubt that substantial barriers to entry exist, reducing competition, and giving incumbents an advantage.

BA's chief economist, DeAnne Julius, argues that "it is extremely difficult to say that a large market share creates any market power." Because flight prices are quickly and easily compared, and because many passengers are price sensitive, she argues that it will still be difficult for BA/AA to raise prices above the market level, even with a 60 per cent mar-

Possibly so. However, the Civil Aviation Authority, which regulates BA fares, would have to work a lot



harder to make sure the two companies were playing fair. A better al-ternative might be to force the alliance to give up some of their Heathrow slots to new entrants in-stead. Similarly, Lufthansa should have been forced to give up some of the 59 per cent of slots it has at Frankfurt airport when it made the United deal.

Air travel is not a perfect market and it never will be. The historical structure of the industry matters immensely, but so do its complicated inter-woven international markets. So long as slots are limited, and barriers to entry exist, there will always be a role for regulators and authorities to protect the public interest.

What the BA/AA proposed al-liance reveals is that while individual countries need to consider their own consumers, international organisations, including the EU, need to look at the international structure of the industry - from slots to regulations - as well.

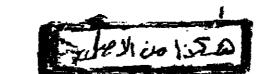
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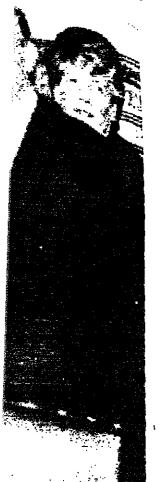
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Jobs and shops will fall to Lottery

Racing

GREG WOOD

For connoisseurs of irony, this is one to treasure. Two days ago, embarrassed by the forlorn performances of our athletes in At-lanta, the Prime Minister announced that many millions of pounds raised by the National Lottery will be used to revitalise British sport. Just 24 hours later, however, conclusive proof finally emerged that the very same Lottery is threatening to despoil one of the few sports at which this country has always been, and could easily contin-

ue to be, a world leader. First, a report commissioned by the Home Office prompted the first official admission that the Lottery has had a disastrous impact on betting turnover and. as a result, the racing industry, which is largely funded by deductions from bets. Turnover for ductions from bets. Turnover for 1995, the report pointed out, ed in a fractured wrist that will

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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
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5-00253 FORMEDABLE PARTNER (16) R Armstrong 3 8 11 ___

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£6,000 added 3YO 1m 4f

CONGO MAN M Stoute 9 0.

was six per cent lower in real will be recalled, did indeed cut might have been expected to rise by about five per cent dur-

ing the same period. Now, those figures have been converted into the human currency of jobs and businesses by an update to the 1995 Henley Centre report. Twelve months ago, the Centre predicted that the only way to avoid thousands of job losses and betting shop closures was a two per cent cut in betting duty in last November's budget. The Chancellor, it

Michael Roberts, who on Wed-

nesday was deprived of the

ride on Pentire in tomorrow's

King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes by Michael Hills's

successful appeal against a ban,

had another setback yesterday

terms than in 1994, when it the duty, but by just one per

The updated report, the key points of which were released

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Galine (Newmarket 8.45) NB: Superquest (Newmarket 8.15)

yesterday, insists that while that reduction saved some shops

keep him out of action for up

Roberts fell heavily on his

forearm from Honeyshan when

he swerved to avoid another

horse on pulling up after the

maiden race. He will miss sev-

eral important mounts at Good-

wood, including the Bunbury

_ A Corth

to three weeks.

7.15 SNOWDENS' MARQUEES MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £6,000 2YO 6f

6 LITERARY (16) J Gosden 8 9

- 7 deciated RETTING: evens Literary, 5-1 Hiranah, 6-1 Teranh, 8-1 Spontard's Mount,
10-1 Ludo, 14-1 Mottombs, Club, 20-1 Ultra Boy

7.45 BAILEYS' IRISH CREAM LIQUEUR HAND-ICAP (CLASS C) £10,000 added 6f

13-0052 MR BERGERAC (7) (D) B Paling 5-9 3 _______ T Spraise 7
043856 FIME: AGAIN (25) (EP) Ms J Remotes 4-9 1 _____ T Sentine 1
12: TRAPALSAR LADY (250) (D) B Cortison 3-8 1.3 ___ K Unitely 4
650313 CBR BOM BOM (7) (D) (EF) M Bell 4-8 11_6 Feeliner (7) 5-V

8.15 HARGRAVE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £6,000 added 2YO 7f

13 SWART BOY (31) P Cole 9 3 _____ Deate O'Nell (7) 1
0230 BOLD ORBERTAL (15) N Calegram 9 1 _____ F Lynch (3) 3
541 MY BEJONSO (27) R Harmon 8 12 _____ Deate O'Nell (3) 10
434 SUPERQUEST (44) W O'Govran 8 11 ____ Enter O'Govran 8

8.45 SAWSTON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 5f

1 111263 SEA-OBER (6) (CD) C Dever 7 8 13 ______F Lymch (3) 4
2 55553 YA MALAK (13) (D) 1 Poyne 5 8 13 ______B Thomson 8
3 121-005 MLBHU (20) (D) (BF) B Hits 3 8 9 ______ W Causon 6
4 2-03205 YARAMAN TIME (7) (D) B Meehan 3 8 9 ______ B Doyle 1
5 02415 GALINE (6) (CD) W O'Comen 3 8 4 ______ Engra O'Comen 8
6 1-50456 MAID FOR THE HELS (13) (C) D Looir 3 8 4 _____ Put Eddiny 5 V ______ B Doyle 1
6 1-50456 MAID FOR THE HELS (13) (C) D Looir 3 8 4 _____ Put Eddiny 5 V ______ B Doyle 1
8 ETTIME: 11-4 Muhal, 3-1 Ya Malak, 7-2 Galiba, 5-1 See-Deer, 6-1 Warnlog Time, 7-1 Maid For Yhe HELS

____P P Marphy (5) 8

111263 SEA-DEER (6) (CD) C Dwer 7 8 13 .

6242 SUITE FACTORS (15) J Gover 9 0 ...

COMPACT DISC (10) M Johnston B 9 FLY-GRIL (13) B Baugh 8 9

43 RIVONIA (USA) (35) Mrs I Ramsden 8 9......

9 3 SELET LADY (34) A Janes 6 9 0 Harrison 6
10 5 TRIALYTAN (37) R Forby 8 9 6 Cooksiny 4
10 declared BEJTING: 9-4 Stores Queen, 9-2 Suite Factors, 5-1 Rivenia, 6-1 Colonel's

Pride, 7-1 Compact Disc, 8-1 Cherokee Flight, Trulylan, 14-1 others

8.00 TRENT END MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

RETTING: 2-5 Millord Sound, 6-1 Firle Phaetzny, 8-1 Longano Bay, Tea-

8.30 STUART PEARCE HANDICAP (CLASS E)

- 1A decianati -SETTING: 5-1 Kid Ory, Orchard Gold, 6-1 Giovalng Jude, Just Harry, 8-1 Arthal Cane, 10-1 Set The Fushion, 12-1 Sporting Rest, 1A-1 others

9.00 NOTTINGHAM FOREST BRIDGFORD END HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 3YO 2m

3-54302 STATE APPROVAL (35) A Janes 9 7

00 TOPLE (11) 1 Hills 9 D.
00 LADY BEHSON (18) D Cosgrove 8 9......
45 TONIC CHORD (13) J Farshave 8 9.....

000-510 GLOWING JADE (86) (D) J Glover 6 9 12

D-SOYS MEETILE MATCH (30) C Wall 389

le Chord, 16-1 Lady Beason, 20-1 Topop

STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 3YO 1m 54yds

0-43 MILFORD SOUND (18) I Farshane 9 0........... Beardnell 1.

103 LAMORNA (13) M Channon 9 7.....

to restore the damage done by the Lottery. Its authors calculate that by the end of 1996, 650 betting shops will have gone out of business, with the loss of 3,000 jobs, as a direct result of the Lottery.

More disturbing still are the Centre's predictions for the near future. A further 1,300 shops (and, therefore, 6,000 jobs) are identified as being at risk. It is estimated that turnover will be 8.5 per cent lower than would have been the from closure, it was not enough case without the Lottery (and

this, remember, is even after the most recent betting duty cut to stimulate turnover). The profitability of the average shop is expected to fall by 32 per cent.

Henley concludes that a further drop in betting duty of 1.25 per cent - all of which should he passed on to punters via a cut in betting "tax" - is required to rectify the situation. Since their original judgement was for a two per cent reduction, the latest conclusion is, in effect, that when they said 12 months ago

Roberts fracture compounds his week of misery

Cup winner, Crumpton Hill, in the Schweppes Golden Mile. Olivier Pesliet also injured an arm when his mount broke a leg and fell at Maisons-Laffitte yesterday. He may have to miss the king George mount on Luso. Three horses were

brought down in the incident in ASCOT HYPERION'S 2.15; MAYFAIR, a filly from the stable that cleaned up with Dance Parade and Dame Laura (first and econd) in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot, is presumably well thought of, making her debut in this raditionally informative event. Summerosa may be the danger.

2.45: ETTERBY PARK, who ran a great race to finish a head second to Highlying over an inadequate mile and a half at Ripon last time, is much improved of late, should

which Olivier Doleuze sustained fractured ribs and injuries to his right elbow and hip.

Certain to miss Ascot is Singspiel, who has had a slight setback, while the participation of Swain and Song Of Tara relies on an ease in the good to firm going.

be suited by this much longer trip and still figures on a fair handicap mark. Bolivar may be the biggest threat. He beat Requested by an emphatic 31: lengths here at the Heath meeting and looks sure to go well. things are getting desperate, but quite another to persuade them

that the situation was had, they

were wrong. It was even worse.

It is one thing, of course, to convince the Government that to do anything about it. John Jackson, of the Bookmakers' Committee which commissioned Henley, must now pound the streets of Whitehall to asset the case for a duty out. to argue the case for a duty cut, while over at Portman Square, the British Horseracing Board is preparing a submission of its own to the Treasury.

Since the BHB and the bookmakers cannot agree on the best path forward, racing will hardly present a united front to those in power, and what little spare cash the Chancellor has to redistribute may already be earmarked for middle England's tax cuts. Yet without further assistance, one of our most cherished industries will face a hopelessly unequal struggle from which

it may never recover. 3.15: BOLSHOL given a little bit too much to do when finishing about two lengths seventh behind Tedburrow at Newmarket last Saturday, may turn the tables today on slightly bet-

_Alex Greates 5

____N Kennedy 1 __P Roberts (5) 4

3.40 DURNINGTON STAKES (CLASS C) £7,200 added 270 7f

NORBRECK HOUSE J Berry 8 8

43- PATIDAS (USA) (331) J Gosden 9 0.....

MASTICAL MIND D Nichols 9 0... CO ROAD RACER (18) Mrs J Ramsden 9 0....

O BALINSKY (23) J Besty 8 9... CLASSIC FORM R Home 8 9.... COO- BLE NAC (308) M Beby 8 9....

0 TOLEPA (111) 11 OTHER 89.

25 JR JAE (91) D Nation 8 11 _______Alor Greens 5 21 HEN HARRER (23) (0) / Dunky 8 10 _______ Wester 4

SETTENIC: 7-4 Hou Harrier, 3-1 Union Town, 9-2 Nostalgic Air, 6-1 No Jab.

4.10 HUTTON WANDESLEY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 370 7f

3.50: OOPS PETTLE, who impressed when landing a 10 furlongs Chepstow maiden by two lengths from Renzio last time out, enters handicaps on a lenient mark and should go well. The improving Le Teten may prove the selection biggest obstacle.

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HYPERION

2.05 Princess Topaz 2.35 Cheeky Chappy 3.05 Frog 3.40 Hen Herrier 4.10 Intidab 4.40 Sis Gar-

den 5.10 Sir Arthur Hobbs

GOING: Straight course - Good to Parm; round course - Farm.
STALLS: Straight course - stands' side; round course - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f and 6f.

Lieft-hand course, level but quite sharp.
Course is W of town on A61. Thirds station 1m. ADMISSION:
Club 512; Tainersalls 58 (OAPs 54); Family Enclosure 53 (OAPs
51.50). Accompanied under-16s free. CAE PARE: Family Enclosure 59 per car including up to four adults plus all children;

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Mill End Lady (4.40) BLINKERED FURST THUE SHIP Rad Lary (4.40).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAX'S Frog (3.05) won at Newbury last (ridst); Thatched (5.10) won at Beverley on Monday;
Checky Chappy (2.25) wwn at Cauchte on Wednesday.
LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Flamma Vestalls (2.05) & Hen
Basrier (3.40) seru 280 miles from J Danlop's Arundel stable in

205 EBF MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £4,800 added 2YO fillies 6f 5 FLANMA VESCALIS (18) J Durniop 8 11 ... 4 NANNSHI (36) J Berry 8 11 J Carroll 8
2 PRINCESS TOPAZ (13) C Oper 8 11 G Date McKnown 8
5 ARTERNO J McClop 8 11 Deen McKnown 3
0 SHERZETTO (16) J Fersione 8 11 D D Herrison 5 6 SHOW OFF (91) (BF) W lave 8 11.

estate, 16-1 Sharzetto, 20-1 Sarteam

2	2.35	TRANSPENNINE EXPRESS HANDICAF (CLASS D) £5,200 added 6f
1	000302	TLER (5) (D) M Johnston 4 10 0
2	012033	BEHZOE (13) (CD) Mrs J Remoden 6 9 13
3	634640	HERE COMES A STAR (13) (CD) I Carr 8 9 10 A Colherno 3
4	211531	CHEERY CHIMPPY (2) (2) D Chapman 59 ? (7ed _ 6 Duffield 6 E
5		COMEC PANTASY 199 M Wane 3 9 6 D Herrison 3
6		PLAYMANCER (28) D Nicholis 3 9 2
7	004310	NEO'S BONNANZA (B) (CD) (BF) N Dods 7 9 0 (7ex) L1 Carroll 5
9	000-600	GRAND CHAPEAU (13) D Nicholis 488
9		LUCICI REVENCE (4) M Meade 388 D Sweeney (7) 11
10		DOMENIELLE (10) (D) T Easterby 4 8 1

11 ((USB) Carried State (150) (b) February 121 (150) (c) February 121 (c)

[3.05	ROYAL ARTILLERY HERITAGE HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,200 added 1m 4f
1		RELD OF VISION (B) Mis A Swintrack 6 9 10) Weaver 4
2	00-11/1	FROG (7) Str Mark Prescott 3 9 2 (5ex)
3	3-33540	REMANDE (17) Waterington 3 B 13 Brownial (7) 8
4	065714	ALMARQA (SL) O Nichols 384
-		- 4 declareti -
8 E	TDNS: 4-7	Frog. 7-2 Fleid Of Vision, 9-2 Alemops, 12-1 Reinhardt

4.40 HABTON SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 3YO 1m 000525 LEA PEDIGO (21) Mess J Crase 9 7...

BETTING: 4-6 insideb, 7-1 Mystical Mind, Road Racor, Ballesley, 12-1 Classic Form, Yolopa, 16-1 Elle Min:

000335 BORN A LADY (1.0) S Bowing 9 7 ______ Design Middleowin 2 B 032022 SIS GARDEN (6) T Easterby 9 4 _______ Mid Sirch 13 B 5-06060 PATRIO (23) S Williams 9 2 ______ D Humisten 12 008065 ELDRE RUNNER (9) J) D74eH 9 2 000602 DBL DBL (6) W Haggas 9 1..... 0-20000 POUSH SAGA (22) M Dods 9 0 _C Webb (7) 4 9 265000 008ANG (4) | FoxGeraid 8 10 ... 10 5000-00 LA FANDANGO (21) M W Easterly 3 10 Alex Greatures 10 11 050-000 MBLL END LADY (22) M W Easterly 8 8 8 Parisin (5) 8 B - 16 declared
SETTING: 5-1 Sis Garden, 6-1 OS DE, 8-1 Um Pedigo, 10-1 Globe Rus-

5.10 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICES HANDICAP

Ь,		(CLNSS E) 24,200 added 1411
1	10-2061	MOVE WITH TOES (20) VI Turner 4 10 0
2	450416	AMONYM (6) (D) D Nacholis 4 9 9Carol Davison 3
3	400054	FLAG FEN (USA) (6) Martyn Maade 5 9 7 "Claire Angell (8) 2
4	225-211	SER ARTHUR HOBES (21) (D) J Eyro 9 9 0 T Siddul (5) 1
5	635331	THATCHED (4) (D) R Berr 6 8 11 (Sec)
6	5400-40	OSCAR ROSE (29) Lord Huntington 3 8 9
7	08158-0	UPEX LE GOLD TOO (45) (C) L L-James 4 7 11 C Louther 4
8	000000-5	WACKY (2) W Storey 5 7 10
		- 8 declared -

Marimum weight: 7st 10th, True handicap weight: Wasty 6st 12th. BETTWIG 5-2 Thatched, 11-4 Move With Edes, 9-2 Fing Fen, 5-1 Sir Arthur Hobits, 6-1 Amonyni, 8-1 Upex Le Gold Too, 14-1 others

WOLVERHAMPTON:

2.25 Napier Star 2.55 Ethbaat 3.25 Halebid 4.00 Pearl D'Azur 4.30 Shandana 5.00 Old School House

STALLS: Inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: Fligh from 6f to 1 m 4f.

Fibresand, left-hand, oval course.

Course is North of town on A449. Wolverhampton station 1 m.

ADMISSION: Club £15; Tauensule £6 (DAP members of Diamond Club £4); Viewing Restaurant £25,80 including enteancy and meal.

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BLINKERRD FIRST TIME: Mrs McRadger (4.00), Written

BLINKERRO FIRST TIME: Mrs McRadger (4.00), Written Agroement (5.00).
WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG DISTANCE RUNNERS: Steadfast Ritte (2.56) sem 181 miles from J J O'Nell's Steckton Wood End stable in Cumbris; Deeding Time (3.25) sem 170 miles from Mrs M Reveley's Lingdale stable in Ceveland; John-T (3.25) sem 183 miles from J Dunlop's Artundel stable in West Sussex; Heathyarde Magic (2.55) sem 182 miles from M Dorls's Piercebridge stable in Coung Durban; Boogle Bopper (6.00) sem 183 miles from Brian Arthur Poarce's Limpsfield stable in Survey; Willie Milles (4.00) sem 151 miles from J Wistes's Richmond stable in North Yorkshite; Greek Night mon I'W Wans's Richmond stable to North Yorkshire: Greek Night Out (5,00) sent 143 miles from J L Eyre's Satton Bank stable in North Yorkshire; Clineber Cinb (2,55) & Nore No Bounda (3,25) sen. 140 miles from M Johnston's Middleham stable in North York-

2.25 GLADIATEUR HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3.450 added 3YO 5f

3-34453 SOLD SYMPHONY (1.4) P Orapple Hyern 9.7 — R Himles (5) 4
3650-3 BENL GEM (20) P Nation 9.4 — K Danley 7
000450 BRULDINE ROSE (5) A Exiting 9.2 — D Wright (6) 3.2
500-000 KUSTOM (NT (15) (0)) B Wicklation 9.1 — M Veriey (3) 6
000-010 PENNY PARKES (8) (0) 1 Beny 8.13 — G Center 5.8
260004 BOUTON DYOK (23) P Howing 8.8 — F Norton 2
0500-00 MARASCHINO (30) 8 Mechan 8.1 — J F Egom 8

RETING: 9-4 Real Gem, 7-2 Solo Symphony, 6-1 Napler Star, Penny Parkes, 7-1 Marjode Rose, 6-1 Bouton d'Or, 10-1 others.

2.55 CARLING CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 1m 100yds

- 13 declaret
EFTENS: 3-1 Clincher Chin. 9-2 Fishari, 5-1 Mirani, 6-1 Northern Caladon,
8-1 Scendiant Eide, 10-1 Musin't Grumble, 12-1 others

3.25 M & C HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 370 1m 1f 79yds

4.00 JENNIFER SMART MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 6f

O-CO BELOW THE RED LINE (89) N Macculay S O C Tempus C3 2 V 24243 DOMMA AMAM (16) (87) J Geoden 9 O Flood 9 3 PERRIC (MACRIC MACCULA) (42) (87) D LOIGE 9 O LD R MCCULS 4 50 SERIOLIS SENSATION (18) Sr Mark Prescott 9 O LW Words 8 _F Norten 5 ebbutt 12 B OD MUTAHEDA (55) R Armstrong 8 9.... 30 PRESS ON NICKY (45) W Muh 8 9... F Price 1 5 TANGO TEASER (44) (BF) A Stewart 89 5 TASHTAYA (93) N Lizmoden 8 9.... - 13 declared -

BETTIME: 3-1 Point D'Azir, 4-1 Donnik Auseun, 5-1 Blazzy, B-1 Yango Teaser, 10-1 Serious Seaustion, Willio Miles, 12-1 citiers

4.30 GERTRUDE RADCLIFFE SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,110 added 2YO filles 6f ____W 1 O'Conner 1 _____G Ried 3 V O26 YEAVENLY MISS (14) 8 Poling 8.8 ... O LOCHLORE (8) Miss I Whashouse 8.8 420 SHANDANA (34) P Hastern 8.8 SHANDANA (34) P Hastern 8.8

- 8 declared -BETTING: 3-1 Advance Repro, 7-2 Harvesty Miss, 9-2 Shandanz, 5-1 Ab-stone Queen, 6-1 Descing Star, Skippy Was A Kind, 14-1 others

4 SIGPPY WAS A JONA (35) A Janes 8 S.

5.00 PERSIMMON AMATEURS HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 2m 46yds

045619 107A (13) (CD) J L Hams 7 11 7 ______ Mr g Woodsend (7) 2
000003 STEME'S WORDER (4) (2) B Lieughy 6 11 7 Jul 7 J L Lieughy 3
123-065 BROOM (SLE (4) (5) D Burnel 8 11 4 Jillies E J hoses (4) 6
100/4-60 GRESTS LAD (39) (20) B Machen 5 11 4 Jillies E J hoses (4) 6
122032 HEIGHTH OF RAME (15) A 1 Wood 5 11 2 _____ Mr J Callody 1
420325 GREST ANGERT OUT (29) (6) / L Syre 5 10 11 Alles D Jones (8)
200325 HEIGHTH OF RAME (15) A 1 Wood 5 11 2 _____ Mr J Callody 1 202332 MENGANE (62) (62) (62) B Smort 6 10 3 . Mass V Marstoni (4) 9 23:007 BOOME BOPPER (1,152) B Pearte 7 9 13 . Mr J Coldstain (7) 4 9 0-43122 010 SCHOOL HOUSE (34) (5) The agree 3-9-11. Mrs. (Neugraen 4-7-10 0060-00 WRITER ACREEMENT (17) R PROCESS 8-90. Mrs. (Prescot. (7) 20 B

Minimum meight Sof True handing weight Whiter Agreement in In BETTING: 5-2 Old School House, 4-1 hote, 5-2 Greek Hight Out, 5-1 Heaghth of Fame, 6-1 Stevie's Wonder, 8-1 Mingarie, 10-1 others

ASCOT

2.45 Etterby Park (nb)

3.50 OOPS PETTIE (nap) 4.25 Silver Widget 5.00 Sernus

3.15 Bolshol

GOING: Good to Firm (antered).

STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand course with testing uphill finish.

Course is near junction of A219 and A330. Access from M3 (June 3) and M4 (June 3). Helicopper-handing facility at course (Heathrow 15m). Enliway station (service from London, Waterloo) adjoins rourse. ADMISSHON: Members \$12 (Junior members 16-Spears Ball price); Grandstand & Paddock £8; Silver Ring £5; Heath \$1. CAE PARE-1, 2, 3 & 3A - \$4) remainder free.

ELADING TRAINERS WITH BUNNERS: J Dunlop - 25 winners from 130 raners at a ratio of 20.5% giving a recurs to a \$1 level stake of +\$77.50; J Gooden - 19 winners, 122 runners, 15.0%, \$52.10; R Kannon - 10 winners, 223 runners, 8.30%, \$67.49; P Cobe - 14 winners, 103 runners, 13.6%, +\$10.85; C Brittain - 13 winners, 175 runners, 218 rides, 12.4%, +\$52.18; M Johnston - 11 winners, 9 33 womers, 224 rides, 14.1%, \$7.70; W Carson - 31 winners, 218 rides, 12.4%, +\$5.96; T Quinn - 23 winners, 174 rides, 13.2%, \$5.01; M J Kinners, 22 winners, 175 rides, 17.5%, \$55.07; J Beild - 22 winners, 200 rides, 10.5%, \$43.50
BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None.
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: Surasota Storm (2.45) won at Musselburgh has Priday, Tedimerrow (3.15) won at Newmarket last Samriday; Sylva Paradiae (3.15) won at Yarmouth last Tuesday.
LONG DISTANCE EUNNERS: Great Oration (2.46) sent 269 miles from f Watson's Solgelled stable in Ceveland, Tedimerrow (3.16) sent 252 miles from Mns M Naginon's Solgelled stable in Ceveland, Tedimerrow (3.16) sent 243 miles from Mns M Naginon's 143 miles from M Johnston's Middleham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable Quick (3.16) sent 343 miles from M Johnston's Middleham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable (3.15) sent 343 miles from M Jerry's Cockerham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable (3.15) sent 343 miles from M Jerry's Cockerham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable (3.15) sent 343 miles from M Jerry's Cockerham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable (3.15) sent 343 miles from M Jerry's Cockerham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable (3.15) sent 343 miles from M Jerry's Cockerham stable in North Yorkshire; Botable (3.15)

ent 236 miles from J Berry's Cockerham stable in Lancashire.	
2.15 FOOD BROKERS MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £10,000 added 2YO fillies 6f	BBC2
DANCING QUEEN (Nos E A Harris) M Sell S 11. MAYCAIR (HRH Pance Fold Salman) P Cale S 11. MY MED THE PROPERTY BOTH DESTRUCTION TO ME S 11.	
MYSTIQUE (Hesmonus Stud) P Walayn 8 11	Pat Eddary 4

— 6 decision — merces, 11-2 histigue, 13-2 Dancing Queen, 2-10 Siecpiess, 33-

My Hero 1996: Bird Shadisyid 2 8 11 W Carson 1-3 (J Dunlop) 4 ran

1996: Brit Shatilyid 2 8 1.1 W Carson 1-3 () Durnipp 4 ran
FORM GUIDE

There are growing reports concerning MANFAIR. She is by Green Desert out of Emaline and, therefore, a fluit-sister the smart 1991 juvenile Magio Ring, wanner of the Nortolk, Stakes and the Comwallis Stakes both at this track, Mysticipue is a 52,000 gris daughter of 1991 I'ven Thousand Guintes here Mystillo out of Song Or The See, who was successful at sprint distances and has produced three sprint wanners, including Princely Sound. Summerope also has an eye-astiching pedigree. She's by Woodman out of Rose Red Instinstire to Chaque) and half-sister to a useful pair in Legal Right and Zind and also to the unraced Rose Of Jericho – dam of the stable's Derby victor Dr Devious, Demoking Queens is the postilest purchase hare at 130,000grs. By Sadler's Wells, she is half-sister to the Selections: MAYFAIR

2.45 P & O EUROPEAN FERRIES BROWN JACK PRC2

| Land Color | Part Color | Par

I state Highlying 9 9 11 J Tate 11-2 (G M Moore) 12 ran

FORM GUIDE

Atthough raised 10th for his course-end-distance win last month, Bollwar (wind had the bilinters back on for only the second time this term then) can confirm the form with the second and third, Requested (beatien more than three lengths) and French My (beaten almost five lengths), who are 7th and 5th berter off, respectively. Reg Allehursts runner had a bit in hand last time and might well progress further. However, ETTERBY PARK, who has had a five season with four wins (at Carlisle, Casterick and two at Wolverhampton) and promises to be even better now that he sleps up to two miles for the first time, can bear them all. He finished four lengths clear of the third last time in running Highlying (winner of this prize a yeer ago) to a head at Ripon on his most recent start. Gentieman Sid, a seven-length fourth to Highlying in this race 12 months ago, finished establic to the behand Bollwar here, beaten 15 lengths. French kly won the same two-miler in 1995 as Bohar landed last time and also comes here in the right son of form, having stomed home by three lengths from Hulbrank (winner since) at Bewerley three weeks back. He is 6th higher but could go close. French kly should confirm Bewerley form with the ten-length sach, Sameoda Storm, who won his previous and subsequent reces, both at Musselburgh, but has Only a 4th puil.

Selections ETTERBY PARK

215 JACKMAN'S GARDEN CENTRE RATED POCO ' | HANDICAP (CLASS B) £25,000 a

.;2000 est 30. BETTING: 5-2 Techurren, 9-2 Sylon Permilipe,11-2 Niart, 7-1 Bolshol, Doeble Quick, So Intropid, 9-1 Deableg Blue, 14-1 Cretters Collide, 16-1 Go Hover Golf 1995: Name The Ture 4 8 9 Paul Eddery 6-1 (P Howing) 8 ran FORM GUIDE

FORM GUIDE

TEDBURRROW challed up a four-time iss summer and, after running Stewards' Cup favourite

Coassal Bluff to a head in a field of 22 at york - Crofterra Coastal 10th and held - regained his wrining way when half a length too good for Lego Di Varano at Newmarket lost
Saturday. Murrel Naughton's four-year-old has only a 3th pensky and he can supplement
recent gans. The selection should again take care of Bolabat, who finished seventh of
14 at Newmarker, beaten nearly three lengths, and has only a marginal solventage. So
lathrepid, only 10th of 18 to Double Splendium at York lest time, was successful at Windsor and Kempton before that, and could repay an each-way interest. Sylvan Paradise is
in a much better rece than the one he won at Yennouth on Tuesday and is pensised 3th
but he discore by three and a half lengths from a previous writer in Cross Of Valour
and can have a say in the finish despite tacking older opposition for the first time. Before Yarmouth, Sylva Paradise ran Midnight Escape to a head over course and distance.
Mart ran well when fourth to To The Roof at Epsom the time before lost, following with a
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■ The David Loder-trained Bin Rosie easily won vesterday's Listed Prix Jacques de Bremont over a mile at Maisons-Laffitte under Richard Hughes, Bin Rosie (evens) beat La Fra Angelico by two and a haif lengths.

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Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Hockenheim

Damon Hill put on a brave, smiling face, but the body language betrayed his discomfort. Suddenly the controlled, orderly drive to the world championship and the road beyond paved with gold appeared in danger of sabotage.

As if he did not have enough on his mind, arriving here for Sunday's German Grand Prix with a title lead reduced to 15 points, he walked into a barricade of speculation that he is to lose his job at Williams-Renault next season to Heinz-Harald Frentzen. Hill confronted questions on his position at Williams with prepared resistance. "I'm not going to be drawn into dis-cussing the conjecture about my future in grand prix motor racing. I don't feel I need to discuss it and I've nothing to say.

He did, however, say: "I've made it clear I'd love to stay at Williams. I've not really driven for any other team. I feel part of the team, and part of the success here has been brought about by my hard work and my being a good team member."

Rugby League

The London Broncos hope to

announce today that Martin

Offiah, the capital's most cele-

brated rugby league player, has

signed for them and will play

London are close to agreeing

a fee with Wigan, who made the

initial approach about a possi-

ble deal, and are prepared for

Offiah, who left Rosslyn Park as

an unsung 21-year-old, to play

rugby union in the winter. "That

is not a problem," said the Bron-

cos' chairman, Barry Maranta.

"Nor do I think that the fee is

going to get in the way of the

deal and we are planning to have

him in the side against Saints."

expensive player when Wigan

signed him from Widnes for

£440,000 in 1992. "He is an icon

in professional rugby," Maran-

ta said. "He would be the per-

sonality that could provide a

focus for what we are trying to

do here and give us the profile

we need. It has been well-known

for a while that we have been

looking for a London player and

that must be why Wigan thought

the time was right to contact us."

ah is another sign of how tight

times have become at the

game's dominant club. They

The Irishmen Des Smyth and

David Feherty, both using

broom-handled putters, and

Frenchman Jean Van de Velde

- who is sticking to orthodox

methods - were the early pace-

makers during the Sun Dutch

Open at Hilversum, the Nether-

Despite cold and cloudy

weather. Smyth leads with a sev-

en-under-par 64 with Feherty

and Van de Velde just one shot

behind. An eagle three at the fi-

nal hole gave Smith his outright

lead, but he also had seven

birdies on his card as well as two

Smyth, 43 and in his 26th sea-

son on the European Tour,

agreed that the long putter is

making him a far more relaxed

lands, vesterday.

The willingness to lose Offi-

hecame league's most

against St Helens tomorrow.

DAVE HADFIELD

ahead of Michael Schumacher as Germany's finest prospect, has long been linked with Williams and it is reported that the team's boss, Frank Williams, has negotiated a deal with him. That prompted a statement Williams which scarcely discouraged rumours: "Jacques Villeneuve, having commenced a two-year contract with the team at the beginning of the 1996 season, is the only confirmed driver for 1997. Negotiations regarding the team's

other driver for 1997 will commence in good time." Williams have a knack of losing world champions and Hill would follow an illustrious line of drivers who, for various rea-sons, have left the team as the No 1 during the past decade: Nelson Piquet, in 1987, Nigel Mansell, 1992, and Alain Prost, in 1993. The circumstances this time are different again and there seems no obvious reason to replace Hill with Frentzen or, indeed, any other driver apart from Schumacher, and he, it would seem, is not available.

Frentzen has had scant op-portunity to demonstrate his ability with Sauber-Ford and is no nearer attaining his maiden

have already shed Scott Quin-nell and, this week, Shem

Tatupu in moves back to rugby

union and transferring Offiah

would take a huge slice out of

Broncos close

to Offiah deal

Frentzen, once rated by some grand prix win. Hill, with 19 wins -six this season - has a proven track record and, on the face of it, has done nothing to rock the Williams boat. It is possible stories of Hill's demands for a huge pay rise have not been well received at Williams, who in turn know they have the drivers covered and may see in Frentzen a bridge to BMW, one of the manufacturers mooted as partners to the team after Renault quit Formula One at the end of next season.

What is clear is that Frentzen, out of contract at the end of this year, would jump at the oppor-tunity. He has had an offer from Jordan-Peugeot and promised a decision today, but earlier this week asked for more time. Frentzen, 29, said: "I have nothing to hide. I would like to go to Williams. If my manager is not talking to them he is not doing his job. I spoke to Frank Williams in 1994 and people have been telling me since that I am going to drive for Williams, but all I can say is I hope to be in Formula One next season."

If that is with Williams then Hill, probably armed with the commercially valuable No 1, would be welcome at the ambitious Jordan team.

Gloucester

furious

with RFU

Rugby Union



FIRST TEST: Durham pace bowler makes a mark on his England debut

England's players check the replay following the run-out of Salim Malik at Lord's yesterday

Brown brings presence to bear of their 11 Championship covering of glory when Waqar Younis presented him with a

DAVID LIEWELLYN

with Western Samoa.

Wigan's crippling wage bill.
"Obviously it is a big blow, because he is a great, great play-er," said the Wigan coach, Graeme West. "But we have Club officials have had to cancel the attractive match with the touring side - scheduled for had the best part of him and he 22 November - following an is coming to the twilight of his RFU decision to squeeze a fur-ther three divisional games into career." Offiah, now aged 29, has scored over 400 tries in his a packed fixture list.

career, including the joint Wigan record of 10 in a match. The man who shares that record, Shaun Edwards, has given a strong hint of further problems within the camp by declaring himself unfit for the second successive match, when Wigan play Halifax tonight. ready a packed season."

Édwards has a niggling knee injury, but is also unde be unhappy with his role in West's current plans. Craig Murdock continues at scrumhalf in a match Wigan must win to maintain the pressure on St Helens at the top of the table.

Keighley Cougars' loose forward, Martin Wood, has asked for a transfer within hours of the announcement that the Great Britain and England coach, Phil Larder's contract is not being re-

newed at the end of the season. Oldham Bears have signed 22-year-old London Broncos hooker Paul Stevens on loan.

Smyth sweeps into early lead

player. "For me, using the long

putter is stress-free, whereas with the short putter I felt ten-

sion in my hands, although I don't know why," he said.

Feherty, too, is now a com-

mitted broom-handle disciple,

though this is only the third tour-

nament in which he has used it.

Sam [Torrance] gave me the

club two weeks ago at the Scot-

tish Open and taught me how

to use it," he said. "I just hope the putter doesn't realise it's me

that's using it and not him. I'll

have to put on a bit of weight

and grow a moustache. Sam won

with it five times last year. Why

did he give it to me? I'm not sure,

but he's definitely not getting it

Feherty had a bogey-free

round with six birdies, two of

which came with 30ft putts and

another with a putt from 15 feet.

Gloucester have accused the Rugby Football Union of 'steamroller" tactics after being forced to scrap a prestige game

The RFU have streamrollered this divisional stuff through," an angry Gloucester RFC board member, John Hall, said. "We could end up with six or eight divisional games altogether and lose our players for five or six weeks of what is al-

The Board chairman, David Foyle, said the Western Samoa game was only agreed last week and the three additional divisional games – on 20, 24 and 28 November - were totally unexpected. "They have come out of the blue," he said. "In the circumstances we thought it was best for the players, supporters and tourists if we pulled out of

the match." Australia's centre and vicecaptain, Tim Horan, has a suspected broken nose and will miss tomorrow's tri-series Test against New Zealand in Brisbane.

Van de Velde intends to keep

his orthodox putter, despite the success of his rivals. He had

eight birdies and two bogeys in

his round and said later: "I've

used the same putter for 18 months and can't see any rea-

son for using a broom handle. I don't think I'd like it."

While the Frenchman and

the Irish duo were setting the

pace, Americans Scott Hoch

and the 1995 Open champion

John Daly were not enjoying

Hoch, the defending cham-

pion, shot a one-under-par 70,

"mediocre". Daly dropped four

shots in his first three holes, in-

cluding a treble-bogey seven at

the 344-yard second hole, and,

although he improved, finished

with a disappointing 75, still four

over par.

called his round

has become and the echoes were still reverberating when the umpire Steve Bucknor's raised finger created a little bit

There was an appropriate symof Durham history.

Brown, just 27, is the first metry to the day on which Simon Brown proved to be a fly player produced by Durham to have been selected for full inin the Pakistan ointment. Brown's Test career was just 13 ternational honours. So it was minutes old when he took his an even more special moment. first wicket for England, that of particularly for the North-east. Aamir Sohail, who offered no A moment to sayour. And that shot when rapped on the pads is precisely what Brown had to by the left-arm pace bowler's do for the next five hours and 10th delivery. 55 minutes. He had his share of It was a wonder the Pakistan close-run things but little else opener survived the appeal by Brown. It was bellowed around until the last delivery of the day.

straightforward catch at mid-off, when he played an injudicious shot to an Alan Mullally delivery. "It was a fantastic feeling walking out there," Brown said, "in front of so many people and it was great to get a wicket so early, it gave me confidence. I

relaxed a bit." The day seemed to mirror Brown's whole cricket career. He was snapped up by Northamptonshire as a promising 15-year-old but by 1990, when he no longer appeared to

templated giving up the game. Durham, his home county, showed an interest, Brown reciprocated, played Minor Counties for them and meanwhile studied for his City and Guilds electrical engineering.

First-class status was then bestowed upon Durham and Brown started taking wickets in earnest. He has accumulated 292 wickets, almost three times as many as John Wood, who was also there from the start. Already this season he has 56 wickets to his name, which have helped Durham pick up maxi-

matches to date. He certainly pleased the Eng-

land coach, David Lloyd, who said: "I thought Brown was rock solid. He's got a good ac-tion and when the ball does wing for him he will be devastating. We picked a side for swing but it wasn't until later on that we did that. It may be an inexperienced attack, Mark Ealham is playing his second Test and Brown his first, but that can be a heck of a plus in that people will strive that much harder to show what they can do. And I thought they did that today."

A courageous half-century from

their captain, James Whitaker,

The all-seam attack of Sus-

sex had the home side reeling

at 177 for 7, with Whitaker

seemingly out of the match

having retired hurt with a torn

calf muscle after scoring 30. But

Nixon led a tail-end recovery

and Whitaker hobbled out to

trouble at Grace Road.

Whitaker arrett bat fights back

Byas the pick of the bunch the concrete bowl that Lord's and application down the order Kevin Shine, went back to fend outside his off stump through

its toughest and Derbyshire behind. Kent were 14 for 2-almost immediately Hooper.

DEREK HODGSON

reports from Scarborough nerset 309 & 69-3 Yorkshire 292

The leaders had a day of mixed emotions. They lost wickets regularly, finished the first innings 17 behind Somerset, but will have been delighted to find North Marine Road's turf more responsive. A similar surface for Nottinghamshire's arrival will also cheer Yorkshire, for they were fearing that two visits here would bring two more stultifying draws.

Batting again, Somerset soon lost Peter Bowler to a fast nearyorker and, under heavy pressure, they will need patience just taken 16 off one over from Three Kent men reach three figures

MIKE CAREY

reports from Derby

Kent 381-5 v Derbyshire

Kent indulged themselves on a

good pitch here, as they no

doubt expected to do once they

had overcome a few early prob-

lems. Carl Hooper. Matthew Fleming and the unbeaten

Nigel Llong all made centuries off an attack that, for all its per-

severance, had its lack of vari-

Ed Smith, a 19-year-old

Cambridge undergraduate, made an equally important if

ety somewhat exposed.

quickened the pitch, but it requickened the pitch, but it remained soft enough to ne seam, while Jeremy Batty demonstrated there was turn from the rough. So, all the bowlers had hope, the batsmen enjoyed the pace, the outfield was fast and a near 5,000 crowd had that rarity: a match in near perfect balance.

Somerset had a day of snakes and ladders. Michael Vaughan set off like a train, hit two superbly timed fours and stood his ground when a lifter from Andy Caddick brought an appeal for a catch behind. Yorkshire were still 58 for 1 in the 13th over when Martyn Moxon, who had

opportunity on a day where

bowlers increasingly found no

All this happened on a re-

layed pitch which provided

healthy pace and bounce - not

normal characteristics on this

ground - and Kent may well

have feared the worst when De-

von Malcolm, in his first

Championship match for a month, took wickets in his first

The first may have owed

something to David Fulton's

misjudgement of the line; but

the second was a beauty which

margin for error.

and fourth overs.

off a bumper that hit his left The warm sun and cool wind shoulder, and trod on his

more boundaries off Shine before he lazily glided Batty to backward point. As Anthony McGrath walked in to bat, the man from the Times intoned: "I have seen this boy before, but I have yet to see him play an innings." McGrath duly cut the first ball he received into slip's

hands. Once Craig White had joined David Byas, Yorkshire prospered. The captain, on his home ground, made 88 in a fashion that epitomised his strength and determination - at least four of his 16 boundaries were scored by forcing the ball from

when four, got away with a mis-

timed hook against Malcolm

which fell to earth safely. This

probably reminded him that

patience and self-discipline

were vital against tight bowling

and Smith stayed with him un-

When Smith eventually nicked Colin Wells to slip he had

done much to blunt the new half

and, with Hooper now batting

with ominous fluency, Llong was

able to battle his way through

an edgy start. Malcolm dropped

him off Matthew Vandrau at 26,

condemning his colleagues to a

difficult afternoon session dur-

ing which Hooper started to hit

til the stroke of lunch.

Byas added 57 with Craig White and 56 with Richard Blakey before being seventh out, bowled round his legs, while trying to move the ball to the onside. At that point Somerset were still hoping for a substantial lead but Darren Gough, swinging lustily, and then Chris Silverwood narrowed the deficit until Silverwood was last out flashing with a third bonus point eight runs

bat again as the last man. He Caddick was the pick of the Somerset bowling, using the conditions with skill, and he was well supported by Graham Rose. The second-string bowling was, however, less

his way to three figures.

remove Hooper, whereupon

Fleming made batting look un-

commonly simple in scoring a

hundred from only 88 balls.

though he should have been

caught behind at 86. He could

not hide his dismay when he

swotted a loosener from Dean

tones to backward point when

he should have been thinking of

Llong made no such error

and when he reached 100 from

187 balls, with 14 fours and a six.

it was just reward for an innings

of great character.

today.

was there at the close on 53 not out, with Leicestershire having recovered to reach 258 for 9. On a pitch of variable bounce, that could prove to be

a good score, and Whitaker's decision to bat again might well be the turning point. He and Nixon have already added 33 runs for the last wicket, with Nixon reaching double figures in a home Championship match powerfully through the line on for the first time this season. It took an exceptional ball from Harris, which flew from not much short of a length, to

He could hardly have better timed his return to form, and Whitaker's innings typified the fighting spirit Leicestershire have discovered this season. It has taken them to second place in the table, behind Yorkshire. Sussex's decision to opt for an

all-seam attack looked to have paid dividends as the top and middle-order batsmen struggled against some accurate howling. The left-armer Jason Lewry claimed 4 for 69 and Ed Giddins 5 for 60. Sussex were weakened when Paul Jarvis. having claimed the wicket of Ben Smith, limped off after eight overs with an ankle injury.

Britannic Assurance County Championship Worcs v Northamptonshire

KEDDERMINSTER: Worcestershire are 313 for 4 in reply to a first-in total of 328 by Northamptonshire day: 11.0. Northamptonshire won toss

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - First Innings (Overnight: 294 for 9) Extras (\$16, w3, nb8). Total (122.1 overs) Pall: 1-53, 2-55, 3-82, 4-83, 5-137, 6-144, 7-145, 8-145, 9-233. Score at 120 overs: 9-323

Bowling: Shenyar 27 4-81-1; Elis 15-3-51-0; Lampit 25-6-47-3; Ringworth 43-12-89-4; Moody 4-0-17-0; Solanki 6-1-21-1; Church 2.1-0-6-1. WORCESTERSHIRE - First limings W P C Weston c Fordham b Snape ...68 v s Solanki not out

Extras (lb5, nb8) Total (for 4, 88 overs) Fall: 1-28, 2-118, 3-185, 4-196. To Bat: †S J Rhodes, S R Lampet, R K littingworth, S W K Ellis, A Sheriyar.

Bowling: Taylor 21.2-67-0; Capel 12-5-46-1; Roberts 10-1-41-1; Snape 26-7-76-2; Curran 12-2-43-0; Pemberthy Umpires: G i Burgess and D J Constant.

SCARBOROUGH: Somerset (7pts), with seven second-imings wickers stand-ing, are runs Yorkshire (6). Today: 11.0. Yorkshire v Somerset

SOMERSET - First Innings 309 (K A Parsons 62, R J Harden 54; Silverwood 4-53). YORKSHIRE - First Innings

M D Moxon hat wacket b Shine ... M P Vaughan c Turner b Rose
*D Byas b Caddick
M G Bevan c Rose b Berty McGrath c Lee b Batty C White c Turner b Lee R J Blakey c Tumer b Caddick ... D Gough c Rose b Shine P J Hartley b Rose C E W Silverwood c Turner b Shine R D Stemp not out
Extres (lb1, w6, nb21). Total (78.3 crees) 292 Fail: 1-8, 2-58, 3-87, 4-87, 5-144, 6-200, 7-215, 8-244, 9-292. Bowling: Catdick 24-5-81-2; Rose 15-5-53-2; Shme 7-3-1-55-3; Lee 17-4-49-1; Batty 15-2-53-2

SOMERSET - Second Innings

P D Bowler low to Gough K A Parsons b Hartley R J Harden c Blakey b Gough D Batty not out Fall: 1-23, 2-29, 3-62.

To Bast "A N Hayhurst, S Lee, G D Rose, †R J Tumer, A R Caddick, K J Shine. Bowling: Gough 8-1-18-2: Silverwood 8-4-21-0; Hartley 6-1-15-1; White 3-0-10-Umpires: G Sharp and R A White. First day of four

DERBY: Kent are 381 for 5 in their first innings against Derbyshire. Today: 11.0 Kent won toss KENT - First Innings
D P Futton c Krikken b Malcolm E I Smith c Adams b Wells
T R Ward c Krikken b Malcolm ... L Hooper & Wells b Harris Fall: 1-0, 2-14, 3-86, 4-186, 5-377.

Derbyshire v Kent

Fatt: 1-0. 2-14, 3-56, 4-150, 3-377.
To Bet: N W Preston, S A Marsh, M J McCague, D W Headley.
Bowling: Malcolm 26-1-91-2; Harms 16-2-69-1; Wells 17-3-47-1; DeFreitas 22-5-94-0; Vandrau 15-3-43-0; Barnett 7-0-22-0; Jones 1-0-6-1.

opened Trevor Ward up before less glamourous contribution on moving late to have him caught his debut when the going was at CRICKET SCOREBOARD

DERBYSHRE: K J Barnett, G A khan, C J Adams, "D M Jones. T J G O'Gorman. C M Wells, †K M Krikhen, P A J DeFre-Umpires: M) Kathen and) H Hampshire Durham v Essex HARTLEPOOL: Durham (4pts) are 8 for 0 in reply to a first-innings total of 334 by Essex (3). Today: 11.0 Fesex won loss

ESSEX - First innings G A Gooch low b Killeen D D J Robinson c Campbell b Co. D D J Robinson c Campbell b Cox ...38 P Grayson c Roseberry b Killeen ...74 R C Irani Ibw b Wood R J Rollins b Wood . M C liots c Wood in Killeen N F Williams & Roseberry b Co423

Total (100.4 overs) ______334 Fall: 1-53, 2-93, 3-165, 4-165, 5-256, 6-260, 7-281, 8-312, 9-332. Bowling: Wood 21-4-89-3; Saggers 12-0-69-0; Killeen 21-6-57-4; Bambridge 7-3-25-0; Cox 39.4-14-83-3 DURHAM - First Innings S L Campbell not out S Huston not out

To Bart J E Morrs, J A Daley, "M A Rose-berry, P Barnbridge, †D G C Ligertwood, J Wood, D M Cox, N Killeen, M J Saggers.

Bowling: Nort 2-0-2-0; Andrew 1-0-5-0 Umpires: B Dudleston and D R Shepherd. Glamorgan v Lancashire CARDIFF: Glamorgan (Apts) are 359 for 3 in their first innings against Lan-cashire (1). Today: 11.0 Glamorgan won toss

GLAMORGAN - First innings S P James b Chapple H Morris c Hegg b Martin G P Butcher c Hegg b Watkinson M P Maynard not out P A Cottey not out Extras (b), (b13)...... Fall: 1-38, 2-100, 3-166. To Bott: R D B Croft, O D Gloson, tA D Shaw, D A Cosker, S L Walkin, S R Bar-

Bowling: Chapple 21-3-88-1: Martin 18-6-58-1: Gallian 14-5-51-0: Austin 12-3-35-0: Needy 26-5-64-0: Watkinson 17-3-49-1. LANCASHIRE: JER Gallian, S.P. Titchard, J.P. Crawley, N.J. Speak, G.D. Lloyd, "M. Waburson, I'W.K.Heeg, J.D. Austin, G.Chap-ple, P.J. Martin, G. Keedy.

Umpires: R Palmer and B J Meyer Gloucestershire v Warwickshire CHELTENHAM: Gloucostershire (3pts) are 331 for 3 in their first beings against Warwickshire (1). Today: 11.0

Gloucestershire won loss GLOUCESTERSHIRE - First innings N J Trainor c Burns to Small M A Lynch c Pollock b Small R P Davis not out Extras (65, lb18) Total (for 3, 105 overs).

Fall: 1-18, 2-166, 3-306. To Bet: A Symonds, M W Alleyne, tR C J Williams, M C J Ball, A M Smith, "C A Bowling: Pollock 21-6-60-0; Munton 21-11-39-0; Small 19-3-69-3; Brown 18-3-71-0; Smith 10-1-32-0; Gles 16-3-47-

WARWICKSHIRE: A J Moles, Arurag Singh, D P Ostler, T L Penney 1 M Burns, S M Pollock, D R Brown, N M K Smith, A F Gles G C Smell, 1 T A Munton.

Umpires: H D Berd and B Leadbeater. Hampshire v Surrey SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire (3pts) are 332 for 7 in their first innings against Surrey (3). Today: 11.0. Hampshire won toss HAMPSHIRE - First inning

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S D Udal not out R) Maru not out Extras (b1, lb4, nb30) Total (for 7, 104 overs). Fell: 1-13, 2-128, 3-137, 4-213, 5-239, 6-291, 7-304. To Bat: S M Milburn, J N 8 Boxill.

Bowling: M P Bicknell 18-3-49-3; Ben-jamin 17-3-61-0; Hollicake 19-5-44-1; Julian 15-1-71-0; Pearson 29-3-80-2; D J Bicknell 4-1-18-0; Shahid 2-0-4-0 SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, J D Ratcliffe, A D Brown *A J Holloake, Nadeem Shahid, B P Julian, †G J Kersey, M P Bicknell, J E Benjamin, R M Pear

Umpires: V A Holder and A G T White-head

Leicestershire v Sussex LEICESTER: Leicesterstire are 258 for 9 in their first innings against Sussex. Today: 11.0. Leicestershire won loss LEICESTERSHIRE - First hinlings

V J Wells b Lewry D L Maddy c Moores b Lewry B F Smith c Athey b Jarvis P v Symmons b Goddins A Habib b Lewry D J Müns c Moores b Giddins ... G J Parsons c Moores b Lewry A R K Pierson b Giddins

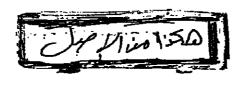
M I Brimson c Athey b Lenham Extras (lb4, w1, nb2). Total (for 9, 104 overs). Fall: 1.16, 2.43, 3.57, 4.86, 5.131, 6.168, 7.177, 8.198, 9.225. Bowling: Lewy 29-6-69-4; Jarvs 8-1-23-1; Gridins 24.5-9-60-3; Drakes 28-9-76-0; Lenham 11.1-3-22-1; Greenfield

3-1-4-0. SUSSEX: C W J Athey, N J Lenham, "A P Wells, K Greenfield M P Speight, J W Hall, E S H Goldins, †P Moores, P W Jarvis V C Drakes, J D Lewry. Umpires: J H Hams and K J Lyons

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (First of two days): Askam: Cumberland 240 IM G Scother 56) Staffordshire 193 for 5. Kimbolton School; Cambs 139 (5 A Kellett, 51, T J A Scriven 5-49) and 48 for 0 Bucks 198 for 5 (R B Hurd 105no).

Bain Hogg Trophy TAUNTON: Hampshire 271 for 9 (P Whitaker 97, D Mascarenas 84, M Da-mond 4-42 including hat-trick), Somer-set 255 for 9 (J C Hallet 86, S Venture

Starting today TOUR MATCH (First day of four includ ing Sunday): TRENT BREDGE: Nottinghamshire v South Africa A.



ON OLYMPIC GAMES

Golden girl back with vengeance

As if the Americans were not fed up enough with Michelle Smith running away with their thunder, she delivered a piece of news in the early hours of yesterday designed to have them banging their heads against the Olympic pool. If she was in any other sport, she revealed, she would have had to retire.

Smith, who has collected three gold medals to the accompaniment of the United States team - led by the four-times Olympic gold medallist Janet Evans - saying that questions were being asked as to whether she is on drugs, has a back problem that would make running or jumping impossible. Clearly, it has little impact on her swimming.

In the aftermath of winning the 200 metres individual medlev in the early hours of yesterday, Ireland's favourite daughter instantly focused in on four years ago when she talked about the most disappointing point in her career. Her poor perfor-mances in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics were a result of being hampered by injury.

"I was swimming well but I sprained a disc in my back and it ruined my Games," she said. "I'm OK now but I have degenerated discs in my back and it's a problem I'm stuck with. It's a good job I'm swimming because if I participated in any other sport I'd have to give up."

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fights back

That tantalising scenario was delivered as a finale to a day in which the Irish team had been playing "will she, won't she" over her participation in the medley final. They said she had a back strain quite apart from the per-petual discs problem, but it seemed to be news to her. "What slight injury?" she said when questioned about it. "I have a

rash from shaving, but that's all. "I did consider pulling out of the final because I had the 200m butterfly two days later. If I had seen really fast times in the



I looked at what had happened in the morning, I knew I had a good chance in the final."

Smith was cleared when the first round of drug tests from the Atlanta Games were announced yesterday. The Irish Olympic chief, Pat Hickey, said: We're particularly happy about this because of the vicious attack by the American Swimming Federation - all to protect Janet Evans, who didn't even-make it in the end."

Smith's repeated cries at press conferences that she has never used performance-enhancing drugs have fallen on deaf ears, especially those attached to Americans. "For every time a member of the US team is tested. I'm tested five times," she added yesterday.

On the subject of Evans's comments, the Irish swimmer said. "Janet swam 4:03 for the 400m freestyle eight years ago.
If I was on drugs I wouldn't be swimming 4:07; I'd be better than the world record."

Smith now turns this morning to what is arguably her best event, the 200m butterfly. Yes-terday she spent the day relaxing, having a massage, watching television and supporting two Irish boxers. "I don't need to refocus. After winning my first gold medal I was determined just to enjoy the rest of the Games. "I'm very proud of where I'm

from. I've never made a point of making excuses because we are a small country and we don't have the funds. I don't cry about it; I do something. If the people at home are enjoying this, I'm really happy." She can rest assured they are, and all Irish eyes will be following her moves in Atlanta's pool today.



Michelle Smith: 'For every time a member of the US team is tested, I'm tested five times'

Photograph: David Ashdown

British effort shameful, says Wilkie

There is no one like an old sportsman to disparage the new, and 20 years and one day since he became an Olympic gold medallist, David Wilkie yesterday laid into the efforts of the British swimming team in Atlanta, writes Guy Hodgson. Commenting on five days that had brought call Boll Bollman had brought only Paul Palmer's silver, he said he felt ashamed.

We are drowning out there and we have become a laughing stock," Wilkie, who won the 200m breaststroke in Montreal, said. Our showing has become an embarrassment to the whole country and the swimmers have to take the blame. They don't seem to be performing with any pride. Don't they understand what it means to swim for your country at the Olympics?

"A lot of people have been badly let down. It could be 20

years before we are anywhere near the top again. They have simply made feeble excuses: the pool's too deep, it's too hot and there's no air-conditioning. It's the same for everyone. If countries like Ireland can win gold, then so should we."

Calling for funding to create an élite squad for the Sydney Games, he added: "Elite teams must be just that. You have to prove yourself to get into them and if you don't do it, you don't go to big competitions. If the situation doesn't change immediately then we will fall further behind. I feel ashamed."

This brought an instant re-

sponse from Nick Gillingham, who finished fourth in Wilkie's event yesterday morning. "British swimming is really on the up." the 29-year-old silver and bronze medallist in Seoul and Barcelona said. "The British Swimming Federation are getting their act together and although I'm retiring I'm not going to be lost to the sport. I will be involved in some capacity or other."

Palmer, who yesterday failed to qualify for tonight's final of the 1500m, added: "We always knew we'd start slowly and hopefully build up to better results. Real-

istically I was the first medal hope so don't read too much into our results so far. There's strength to come with Graeme Smith and Adam Ruckwood."

Right on cue, Smith, a 20-year-old Scot who lives in Stockport, won Palmer's heat, clocking 15min 14.81sec, and went into the final as the second-quickest qualifier. "I don't feel under any great pressure be-cause I still think the Australians are the favourites for gold and silver, "Smith said. "I did what I had to do and that

was win my heat."
Smith, the fastest man this year going into the Games, keeps his tactics simple. He starts quick and keeps going. At the British trials in March this groups Belower out and it was caught Palmer out, and it was noticeable that Palmer kept on his team-mate's shoulders at the start, using him as a pacemak-

Doing that at the start is one thing, keeping up with Smith is another matter. At the half-way point Palmer was just a fraction behind the leader, but by the finish the gap was 10 metres. Palmer's time of 15:22.65 was not good enough. "I'm knack-ered," he said. "Winning the silver has taken it out of me

mentally and physically."

If Mark Foster was not in David Wilkie's mind when he aimed his barrage, he probably would be now after he began the day as a potential medallist in the 50m freestyle but ended it excluded from the final. His time of 22.73sec was 0.3sec slower than his best and 0.05sec too slow for the top eight.

"I'm not a morning swim-mer," he said, "but if you don't do it in the morning you can't do it in the evening. I was going well in training and looking forward to it. When I was in the water I felt I'd done enough. It was only when I saw the time I realised I'd miss out."

Joanne Deakins, from Coventry, also failed to match her best in the 200m women's back-stroke, clocking 2:15.12.

Barrett batters way to record

Francis Barrett, the Irish gypsy became the talk of the boxing competition on Wednesday when the 19-year-old marked his debut by becoming as the highest points scorer to date.

audience, Barrett outpointed the only boxer so far to rack up more than 30 points in one fight.
"I'm boxing for my country,"

Irish flag at the opening cere-facilities, we've no electric." he thought I'd just keep going."

BOXING

To wild cheers from a keen mony, "I'm delighted also to be boxing for the travellers and the the Brazilian light-welterweight
Zely Ferreria 32-7, becoming Fighting in a city that at night is a blaze of neon, Barrett reminded American reporters that places exist where even a light bulb is a luxury. "We've no

said. But I've got me own lit-tle gym. Me and the lads bought it becomes a few and the lads bought between us for £300."

Barrett simply set about battering the Brazilian into submission. He inflicted a standing eight count in a first round that he took 11-0. He took even more points in the second, allowing the Brazilian a few as well to go into the third 23-4 up. The thing with computer

scores is that you don't know whether you are ahead or behind." Barrett said. "So I

Spain leave it late

by scoring twice in the final three mi against Australia on Wednesday. France beat Saudi Arabia 2-1 to join Spain as the qualifers from Group B while in Group A Portugal and Argentina both drew 1-1 to join them in the last eight.

Spain were trailing 2-1 against Australia, a result which would have sent their opponents through, when Santiago Denia equalised. In injury time, Real

Madrid's Raul headed his second goal of the night. Australia had shocked Spain by scoring twice in the first 10 minutes through Aurelio Vidmar and Wolves' Steve Corica.

Portugal drew 1-1 with the United States, as did Argentina against the unrated Tunisia. on Barkley and his team-mates

Barkley defends 'Dream Team' Charles Barkley leapt to the defence of the "Dream Team" con-cept on Wednesday despite

another uninspiring perfortions about its long-term appeal. The United States ran out comfortable 104-82 winners over Lithuania in front of a subdued crowd in the Georgia

Dome - which had witnessed scenes of hysteria the previous night as the Americans clinched the women's gymnastics team gold. The contrast was not lost



who appear increasingly frus-trated with the lack of support from those among the media who feel the current "Dream Team" do not compare with the 1992 version.

"College kids can't win the

teams by 40, 50 or 60 points are gone," said Barkley, who top-scored with 16 points. "In 1992 we were kind of like a freak show ... everyone was out on the court with us. I reckon we're still 30 points better than most of these teams, but the other countries have improved."

Barkley even suggested it might be time to drop the "Dream Team" tag in favour of Team USA, but he remains convinced the crowds will congold medal any more. The days tinue to flock to see the NBA's when you could go out and beat top stars playing together.

Rioch's pursuit of Elliott held up by Dein's absence 1978 in his first spell in charge. Wolverhampton and we were "Jock Wallace will be rememark aware that his fitness might be a Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, hoped to have the

Football ALAN NIXON

Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal manager who has still not agreed a new deal at Highbury, is trying to sign the Newcastle United contract rebel left-back Robbie Elliott in a £1.5m deal.

Rioch has turned to Elliott, who is available after rejecting Kevin Keegan's terms, after failing to sign either the French international Bixente Lizarazu or

back, Roberto Carlos.

Rioch hoped to set up talks with Elliott yesterday, but was held up by Arsenal's complicated transfer system where the manager cannot negotiate the deal. David Dein, the Arsenal chairman, is believed to be in France and Elliott could not wait for a meeting to be arranged and instead headed for Japan with Newcastle. However, Elliott's colleague, the Belgian international Philippe

contract at St James' Park to the уеат 2000.

Barcelona's Jordi Cruyff flies into Manchester today to be-come the fifth new face at Old Trafford this summer. The Dutch international will have a the Czech Patrik Berger has had finally complete his move and a four-year deal. Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said: "Jordi is a play-

er who oozes skill and class. He has great balance and close

the Brazilian Olympic wing- Albert, has agreed to extend his control, he loves to take on defenders and he also packs a powerful shot. He will give me a number of options and will certainly add to the already great competition for places." Liverpool's attempt to sign

medical and then is expected to a setback just a day before he was due to fly into Anfield. Berger's club, Borussia Dortmund, put a stop to the move after their new signing, Paulo Sousa from Juventus, surpris-ingly failed a medical. SPORTING DIGEST

nally agreeing a fee with Borussia. However, the German club discovered yesterday that the Portuguese international has a knee injury that has ruined his £3m mov... The Caspian Group's £16m akeover of Leeds United was

midfield player on Merseyside

for talks this weekend after fi-

given the go-ahead by a High Court Judge yesterday. Bill Fotherby, the Leeds chairman,

terday completed the signing of goalkeeper Nigel Martyn for £2.25m from Crystal Palace, can give the manager, Howard Wilkinson, more money to strengthen the squad.

Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, yesterday led the tributes to the club's former manager Jock Wallace, who died on Wednesday night. Wallace, who was 60, was twice manager of the Ibrox club and led them to

two Scottish trebles in 1976 and

Scotland, yesterday for Sunday's 17th

Scouano, yesteruay for summay a 17 of and 18th rounds of the Auto Trader RAC Touring Car Championship. The Audis of series leader Frank Biela and John Birrostiffe were second and third festest

The Hawaii-born yokozuna (grand champlon) Akebono has been hospitalised for the ankle and shoulder injuries that he suffered during the tournament that ended on Sunday. Akebono, whose real name is Chad Rowan, will have to skip the summer sumo exhibition tour in August, but he will be able to compete in the next tournament in Tokyo starting on 8 September. The 27-year-old Akebono hurt his shoulder and leg when he was knocked down by ozeki (champion) Wakanohana on the 14th day of the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament.

F Martilla (50) 6-3 6-2.

UNDER-16 EUROPEAN JUNIOR CHAMPI-ONSMYS (Queenswood, Herts) Selected: Boyer Third round: J Jeannaire (Fr. tz. N. Fracass) (ft) 3-6 6-1 6-3; R. Vik. (Cz. Rep.) bt. W. Pless (Den) 6-1 6-3; O Rochus (Beh tr.) Herni Jahaba (Gor) 4-6 6-4 6-3; A. Derepasko (Rust tr.) Donatus (Rom) 3-6 6-0 7-5; M. Safer (Rust tr.) Michael Fra (Gor) bt.) Howski (Rol) 2-6 6-3 6-2; F. Ram (Br.) bt. S. Delecon (GB) 6-7 7-5 6-4; V. Parasse (Both T. Luzz -2) 5-7 7-6 6-0 Girls; Talard round: S Dickson (tibl) by 1 (**) bird; A Walsse (both in Fluzz **) 5-7 7-6-60. Ginler Third round: M Minghache (Rom) b) D happes (Rom) **6 6-26-2 E Le-Bescons Fribs (Rossara Cross 6-26-4; A Sebena Status) b) N Stondana.

history," Smith said.

gian international has a back injury. McGhee has admitted that Thorstvedt, available on a free transfer, has revealed the problem during his medical. McGhee said: "We have already given Erik a medical in

bered as one of the most suc-

cessful figures in the club's

Erik Thorstvedt's move to

Wolves from Spurs may be

called off because the Norwe-

fer fee for the Scotland midfielder John Collins because as a French First Division club they are subject to European Union laws. Celtic believe Monaco, as a team from the non-EU principality, were not covered by the 1995 Bosman verdict.

problem but we didn't get the im-

pression that it could be serious."

they did not owe Celtic a trans-

Monaco claimed yesterday

EVENING RACING RESULTS Yesterday's noon deadline CATTERICK

6-1; 2. Miletrian City 12-1; 3. Welcome Lu 25-1-13 ran. 7-2 jt-favs Comiche Quest, The Bamsley Belle. 1, 1/4. (M. Johnston). 6.40: 1 SHONTAINE (K Sked) Tote: £10.00; £3.90, £6.30,

£15.60. Dual Forecast £87.10. Computer Straight Forecast: £81.71. Tricast: £1,662.09. Tric: Not won. 7.10: 1 MIRROR FOUR LIFE (N 7.10: 1. MIKROK FUR LIPE (N Day) 12-1; 2. Flotilla 10-1; 3. Dashing Rocksville 6-1. 10 ran. 2-1 fav Stride. ½, 2½. (M Tomp-kins), Totes £17.00; £2.90, £4.60,

£2.90. DF: £46.40. CSF: £118.27. Tricast: £750.81. Trio:

CHEPSTOW 6.30: 1. AUGUSTAN (Mr J Cul-

loty) 5-1 fav, 2. Spread The Word 25-1; 3. Outstayed Welcome 10-1; 4. Golden Hadeer 33-1. 19 ran. 1:/4, 1. (\$ Gollings). Total 50. Direct 55.30; £1.40, £6.70, £2.70, £2.70. £15.80. Dual Forecast: £105.10. Computer Straight Forecast: £109.03. Tricast £1,118.04. Trics

£397.90. 6.55: 1 THE SWAN (W Carson) 13-8 fav; 2. Macmorris 3-1; 3. Seattle Saga 2-1. 4 ran. 3, 21. (1 Dunlop). Tote: £2.30. DF: £3.50. CSF: £6.19.

7.25: 1. PAPERING (O Urbina) 100-30 fav. 2. Papaha 4-1; 3. Bathilde 7-2. 7 ran. 1/:, 2. (L Cumani). Tota: £4.30; £2.00, £1.80. DF: £6.40. CSF: £15.74.

passed without any supplementary entries at a cost of £18,000 each being made for next Wednesday's Sussex Stakes at Goodwood. That leaves 18 runners for the £125,000 contest for which five-day declarations are made today. Likely contenders include the Royal Ascot winners Charnwood Forest and First Island.

TODAY'S FIXTURES Footbali

Football
7.30 unless stated
PRESEASON FREEDOLIER: Bilencey v Southend
(7.45); Boston Town v Mansfield, Brighton v
Shemield Wednesday (7.45); Bursongh v Ererton; Caemarion v Blackburn Rosers, Chetterham
v Southampton; For Williams Roses Court; June,
ky Falladi, Resport AFC v Transmer (7.0); Russes
v Airdine; Scarbonough v Bradfoot Co; St James
Gate v Albon Rovers; Taurton v Pymouth; Womester v Domzaster; Wytombe v Queen's Park
Ranges (7.45); Vale v Bristof Roses
STEPA LINE; Vale v Bristof Roses
STEPA LINE; Tourindern; Gerthorn v St Maren (5.45); Spranaer; v Crusiders (7.45) (Appl.
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Rugby League

7.30 unless stated STORES SUPER LEAGUE: W.gan - Harfur Sec and Division: York - Length Speedway

Other sports

Experienced Mexican next for Hamed Boxing

Prince Naseem Hamed will make the third defence of his World Boxing Organisation featherweight title against Manuel Medina in Dublin next month.

The Sheffield boxer has a 22fight unbeaten record, including 20 stoppages, but his 29-year-old Mexican opponent is not short on experience, with 59 fights under his belt since turning professional 11 years ago. During that time, he has lost just seven times and held two world titles.

In August 1991 he took the International Boxing Federation world title on a points decision against the American, Troy Dorsey, and successfully defended it five times before losing to Tom Johnson in February 1983. In September last year, Medina took the World Boxing Council crown from Alejandro Gonzalez, but lost his first defence to Luisito Espinosa.

Athletics

sporsor athletes for the next eight years, officials said yesterday, after a meeting of the International Amateur Athletic Federation Sourcei

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York, Yankees 4 Teras 2; Cakland 6 Chicago White Sox 5; Bosson 12 Namsus City 2; Cayeland 10 Teron-to C: Minnesota 11 Battimore 4; Seattle 8 Mil-

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Coca-Cola have struck a major deal to

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Kobe Bryant, the 17-year-old guard who left college to piezy in the NBA, has signed a three-year deal with the Los Angeles Lakers worth abour\$3.5m (£2.3m). Los Angeles, who signed Shaquelle O'Neal last week, now has all rine of its players under contract. The team will fill the remaining three spots on the roster with free agents.

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ago. During that time he has lost ust saven times and held two world titles. Also on the bill is the British and WBO Intercontinential champion, Richee Wenton, who will defend his WBO title, although no opponent has yet been named. It was confirmed yesterday that Liverpool's Andy Holligan is holder of both the British and Commonwealth light-welterweight trites. There had been a suggestion that only Paul Ryan's British bethad been on the time when Holligan knocked down the Hackney bouer in the first round of their fight at York Hall, Bethnal Green, on 13 July, but the Commonwealth Boxing Council insisted Holligan is also the Commonwealth light-welterweight champion. veight champion.

The New Zealand cricket coach, Glenn furner, has been replaced by Stave Rizon, the former New South Wales coach. NZC has also appointed a former rugby union All Black captain, John Graham, as team manager. Football

Clera Hoddle, the England manager, is to guest for a Brighton XI against Shefisled Wednesday in Steve Foster's benefit match at the Goldstone Ground benefit match at the contactue characteristics and an artifact and a state of the seasons in the game, makes his tarened appearance for the Seaguills, European Unione, 18 Champonship Group 2 (Rombas, Fr): (22) 1 Engard 1. MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER Colorado Rapids 2 New England Revolución O: San Jose Cast C New York, New Jersey Mercottans 1. WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: LIEFA CUP WEDNESDAY'S LATE RESULTS: CEPA COP-Preficiency round second log: Scortin Real Cut. 3 - Say for 45, harm. TL, house, in Si-lement That, Orage 7-11, house, in Si-ference 10, Stopp 15, Microsov, 15, Cut-ses 37, Proposition In Inc. 1, PCase 79, house 51, Stopp Bratishas (Social L. Tura de Strandick Americ (Pep no 3, 2016 53, D).

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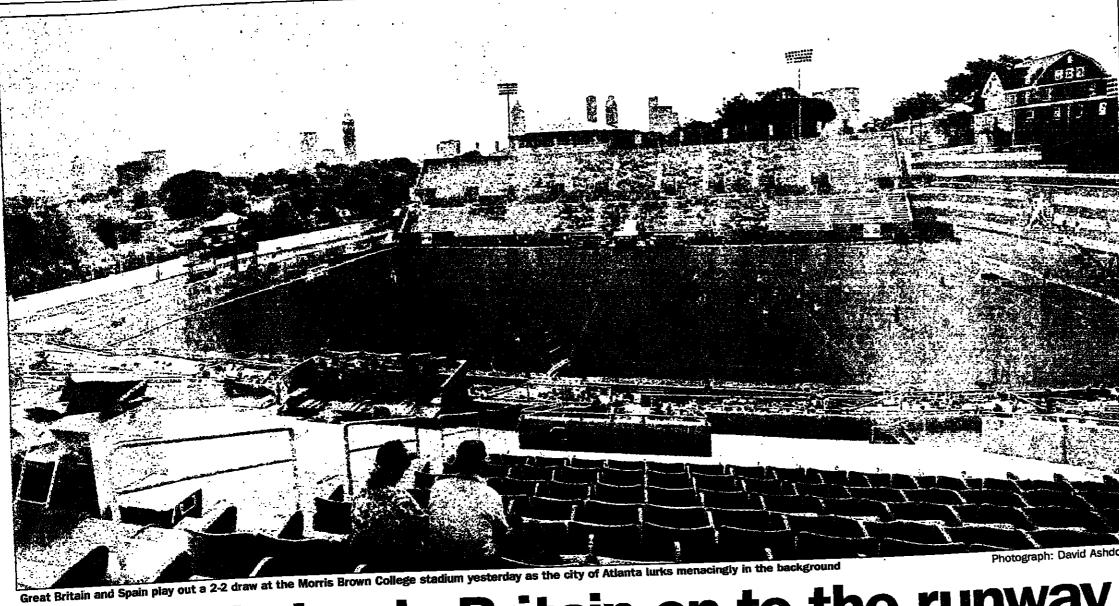
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Oslo earlier this month, which

brought to an end an unbeaten

sequence of 38 races, did not

have any demoralising effect. "Hell, no," he said. "I came back

two days later and ran 19.77. My

second-fastest time this year is

faster than Frankie Fredericks

has ever run in his life." He

son. But he will not forget how

fortune can turn after having his

last Olympics ruined by food

At least three former

Olympic champions have gold-

en prospects in the field events

- Sergei Bubka (pole vault), Jan

Edwards leads Britain on to the runway He maintained that his defeat by Fredericks over 200m in

The super-fast track of the Centennial Olympic stadium awaits the super-fast athletes of the world today. For many, as

track and field programme gets underway, it will be case of: let the Games begin in earnest.

At the end of a week in which British medal success has been almost embarrassingly scant, the most realistic prospect for athletics gold, Jonathan Edwards, summed up the attitude of every striving competitor at the biggest Games in history.

Winning the Olympics would be the pinnacle of my career, by a long way." he said yesterday. "I know from the feelings inside me arriving here just how much bigger this is than anything else."

His chances of s that ambition are considerably better than they were a couple of months ago when, as he readily admitted, the pressures of having transformed himself from an ordinary to an extraordinary athlete in one season bore down heavily upon him.

He appeared relaxed and confident yesterday, but warned against the idea that the task he starts today would be as simple as it was in last year's World Championships, when he effectively ended the competition with world records in his first two

jumps. "I think it could be a lot closer than that this year," he said. Kenny Harrison, who won the US trials with a wind-assisted 18.01 metres, Mike Conley, the defending champion, and the Cuban pair of Yoelvis Quesada and Eliecer Urrutia are Edwards's main rivals. But if he can remain in his current, positive

state of mind he should win. That cannot be said for any other Briton. Sally Gunnell's chances of defending her 400m hurdles title appear slight following her heel injury at Lausanne this month. Although her training has since been going well, she has more than a second to make up on her American rivals, Tonja Buford-Bailey and Kim Batten. "I think I've got something I can turn on on the day. Gunnell said. She will have to find something extraordinary.

As if the heat and humidity of

Atlanta were not already daunt-

ing enough for the distance

runners, double world record-

holder. Wang Jun Xia of China,

is preparing to run four races in five days. That is assuming she

gets through the heats of both

the 5,000 and 10,000 metres to-

day and tomorrow. But, as the

outstanding world record hold-

er for the 3,000 and 10,000m,

have been stupid not to," he said. The 36-year-old Christie, who has not won a grand prix

Mike Rowbottom looks ahead to the highlights of the athletics programme which begins this afternoon

Linford Christie's chances of event this year, appears to have retaining his 100m title in to-morrow's final also appear unlikely. Now that his training partner, Frankie Fredericks, has chosen to do the 100 as well as the 200 metres, Christie, Ato Boldon and the world champion, Donovan Bailey, are left fac-

g an enormous challenge. Fredericks, who took silver in both sprints at the last Olympics, began the season planning to concentrate on the 200 metres but after coming within 0.01sec of Leroy Burrell's world record of 9.85 earlier this month, he changed his mind. "I would

Wang, who shattered those

records in 1993 after winning the

world 10,000m title in Stuttgart,

was a member of the squad

coached by the now infamous

Ma Junren. But Wang and most

of her colleagues left the coach

two years ago, accusing him of

tyrannical behaviour and of

withholding their prize-money

Wang trained by herself for

shifted in his attitude to racing. Since I have been training with Frankie, I'm a lot more laid back and relaxed. Winning isn't everything. Although if people say I'm so relaxed because 1 have accepted I'm going to lose, to those people I say - hey, you don't know me very well."

Christie removed his sunasses yesterday to reveal contact lenses bearing the logo of his shoe sponsor - an effort, presumably, to get around the In-ternational Olympic Committee rules on advertising in competition. He did not rule out the idea of wearing the lenses while running. Will they enable him to remain focused, one wonders? Wang prepared for long-running show

Pat Butcher on a

tough schedule for

a Chinese athlete

results she achieved under Ma.

but for the last 10 months, she

has been coached by Mao Tse

Zhen. She has the fastest time

of the year for 10,000m, 31min

1.76sec, albeit one and a half

minutes slower than her world

Fredericks is one of a group of élite athletes seeking a golden double at these Games. Of the other contenders, Michael Johnson (200m and 400m), Haile Gebrselassie (5,000m and 10,000m), Sonia O'Sullivan (1500m and 5,000m) and Wang Junxia (5,000m and 10,000m), the best chances appear to lie with Johnson and Gebrselassie.

The Ethiopian, who set staggering world records at both his favoured events in 1995, may receive his strongest challenge in the 5,000m, where Salah Hissou of Algeria and Daniel Komen have this year run to within six and seven seconds respectively of the world record mark of 12min 44.39sec.

4:51.87 ranks her fifth.

On arrival three days ago, she

confirmed that she was intend-

ing to race at both 5,000m and

10,000m. But she did add the

proviso that if the 5,000 heats,

which take place today proved

too strong, then she might con-

sider avoiding the longer dis-

tance, despite being favourite for the title. The 10,000m heats take

place tomorrow evening, and

Johnson, for whom the athletics programme was shifted in order to increase his chances of success in both events, probably bears more pressure than any other athlete at these Games. He is expected to match his World championship double of last season on home soil for God, America and prime-time TV.

Not necessarily in that order.

In the circumstances, he is impressively relaxed. "Doing the 400 at the Olympic trials was added, with a slow grin: "Sounds like I'm bragging." If ever a man were entitled to brag, it is Johnprobably a tougher race than Tli have at the Olympics," Johnson said. "Events may prove me wrong later, but I feel like we have the best 400 metres runners in the world and I had to race against seven of them at the US trials. In the 200 it's a different story, because two of the best runners come from outside

altitude in the town of Tuo Pa in

Tsing Hai province. Wang

named Ireland's Sonia O'Sulli-

van and the world record

holder, Fernanda Ribeiro, of

Portugal as favourites for the

Tulu, of Ethiopia as her main op-

ponent for the longer race.

Zelezny (javelin). and Carl Lewis, who is seeking his fourth long jump title.

The reigning champion, Hassiba Boulmerka, and Britain's Kelly Holmes - if her damaged leg holds out - will put pressure on O Sullivan over 1500m, while Wang Junxia, the only record. Her 5,000m time of the 5,000m final is on Sunday. Chinese woman runner of note Wang has been training for here, appears formidable opalmost three months at 2,900m

position in the 5,000. Tessa Sanderson will do well to reach the final of the javelin, but Colin Jackson and Tony Jarret (110m hurdles) Britain's 400m relay team, their leading 400m runner Roger Black. Denise 5,000m. and the reigning Lewis (heptathlon) and Liz Me-Olympic champion. Derartu Colgan (marathon), look capable of adding to the medals total.

Johnson strikes to salvage a point

By Bill Colwill

Spain

Great Britain's women missed a great opportunity in their fourth game in Atlanta to claim their second successive victory when they were held to a draw by Spain, the defending Olympic champions who, with a dogged display, won their first point of the competition.

Overnight rain and a 9am start gave the players the luxury of a spring-like day with a gentle breeze. The British players opened brightly before falling back into old habits of nussing chances and giving away passes before a late rally brought the equaliser.

Scotland's Sue Fraser gave

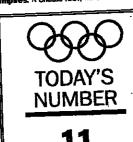
Britain the lead in the 17th minute at their second penalty corner with a low drive. Within five minutes Spain were on terms when their captain, Natalia Dorado, beat Hilary Rose with a similar shot from their

second penalty corner.

After Kath Johnson had hit the upright with a powerful drive Spain, always looking dangerous on the break, won a penalty corner through Magore Gabellanes 20 minutes into the second half and although Rose saved well from Dorado, Gabellanes jabbed home in the ensuing scramble.

With the forwards unable to make much impression, it was left to Fraser, coming up from fullback, to win a penalty corner. Her initial shot was blocked by the goalkeeper, but the ball fell to Johnson to sink the equaliser with four minutes remaining.

GREAT BRITAIN: H Rose (Surton Ceneda Life);
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The British judo fighters who have been eliminated without claiming a medal. With one day of competition remaining, Britain has two chances left in a sport which had produced 15 medals in the previous six Olympics.

SCARLET FACES IN ATLANTA

Yesterday's Olympic bloomers

No one likes being taken for a ride and five members of the Armenian weightlifting team put their collective muscle to use when a lady of the night failed to come up with the goods. The eager lifters gave the

woman \$100 in return for an address where she would meet them. However, when the men got there the door was locked and they tried to barge their way in. Sadly, the show of force

attracted the attention of the Atlanta police, who slapped on the cuffs. Disgrace loomed, but the five were released from custody at 7am when the woman proved more accommodating on the clamency front than she did with her favours and refused to press charges.

Two Spanish athletes. who were the worse for wear, were not so lucky. Arrested for indecent exposure they ended up in Fulton County Jail.

a year without anything like the that should not be a problem. Redgrave and Pinsent cruise into final

The British team at last made things go their way when three boats forced through to Olympic finals. Each crew had to come from behind, and Guin Batten had to take out the Olympic champion, Elizabetha Lipa, to do it in the women's single sculls.

For the reigning champions in pairs, Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, the semi-final is the biggest banana skin of any campaign, even for a crew with 57 victories behind them in the

last four years.
The United States pair. coached for most of the year by Mike Spracklen who took Redgrave to his first two Olympic Tait calms nerves to rise to the occasion

In the individual three-day

event endurance test, the for-

mer World champion, Blyth

Tait of New Zealand, gave the

day's outstanding performance. Riding Ready Teddy, the least

experienced horse competing

and, at eight, probably the

youngest, they rose to the oc-

casion, standing first before to-

day's show jumping stage. They

are less than a single show

jumping error ahead of com-

patriot Sally Clark on Squirrel Hill, with America's Kelly Mil-

likin third on Out And About.

horse's sake" said Tail "I hold

"I was nervous today for the

ROWING By Hugh Matheson

golds, gave the home crowd a thrill by leading to half-way but a 10-stroke flourish put the British in front and then cruised home watching the scrap for the other two qualifying places. Red-grave goes into his fifth Olympic final on Saturday, seeking his

EQUESTRIANISM

By Mary Gordon Watson

him in the highest esteem and

now even higher.

Ready Teddy showed his

greenness in places, especially

at the water fences. "I thought

I was a gonner at the first one.

he said. But I dropped the reins and he did it on his own. He's

almost too brave, with a heart

Tait showed his class, using all

fourth successive gold. The men's coxless four with the Searle brothers, also Olympic champions, in the mid-

dle of the boat, was tested in the first 500m but found a sharp. light, attacking rhythm in the middle 1.000m of the race and moved into the lead after halfway and led Romania and Slovenia over the line in aggressive style, satisfied that Italy, the favourites had been beaten by

France in the other semi-final. Guin Batten was six seconds behind Lipa in the first quarter but the gap did not increase in the second 500m The Dane Trine Hansen began to attack Lipa for the lead, while Batten rating 331; strokes to the minute was creeping up in lane one. The gentle head breeze suited

his skill to give the horse con-

fidence and placing him per-

Once again, it was not

Britain's day, Mary King, the

clear leader after the dressage.

ran into trouble at the ninth

fence when King William jumped to his left at the first

part. "I pulled him round and

over corrected him, he was baf-

fled and by the last part he just

couldn't jump it - the first time

he's ever stopped." It was their

only mistake and they went

round with 26.40 penalties. "It's such a shame. I feel I've let

everyone down," she said.

fectly at every obstacle.

the former shot-putter and Lipa, 31, began to look ragged With 500m to go, Ruth Davi-don of the United States also began to struggle and Batten, one length behind, had a target. She raised her rate once again and although Davidon recovered. Lipa

was collapsing and when Batter

caught her 100m from the finish. her reign was over. Peter Haining, the Loch Lomond lightweight sculler who thrilled the crowd by pulling himself into the top dozen of the open weights never got into his semi-final race. "Three races if four days is just too much for a man my size. he said.

Chris Hunnable and Mr

Bootsie belied their compara-

tive inexperience with a fine

round, but Hunnable was dis-

appointed that his 32 time

penalties leave him down in 9th

place. He is 2.8 points Charlotte

Bathe, Britain's third individual.

who produced a stirring cross

country round on the Cool

Customer only for the horse to

break down on his left foreleg

between the last two tences. He

bravely clambered over the last

jump and walked through the finish, but they will not reappear

at this morning's vetinary in-

spection.

least three months.

Capobianco allowed The unherolded Japanese Ai to compete Sugiyama provided an early



The Australian sprinter Dean Capobianco and Italian high jumper Antonella Bevilacqua will compete at the Games despite positive drug tests.

The International Amateur Athletic Federation decided at a meeting of its council to put the cases to arbitration and let the athletes compete in Atlanta. The arbitration panel is normally not able to sit for at

If the IAAF arbitration pandecides the athletes should be banned, their results at the Olympics will be annulled.

Capobianco tested positive for the steroid stanozolol at a meeting in the Dutch town of Hengelo last May but an Australian arbieties appeals tribunal ruled against a compulsory fouryear, ban, saving there were serious flaws in testing procedures.

Bevilacqua, one of the top six jumpers in the world this year, was caught twice with the hanned stimulant ephedrine in her body in May. But an Italian panel decided she had taken the drug by mistake.

Early exit for Hingis

upset when she beat Martina Hingis in straight sets in the secand round at the women's singles, Sugiyama, ranked 24th in the world, won 6-4, 6-4. Hingis, 15, the 15th seed, held a 3-0 lead in the second set but the 21year-old Sugiyama came back strongly, moving well and hitting winners beyond the reach

of even the fleet-footed Hingis. The teenager's Olympic hopes now rest with the doubles competition and she hopes to win at least a round to enable her to stay on to watch the equestrian competition, her other favourite sport.

"I have seen the dressage but I would also like to see the jumping so I hope we can stay one more day," said Hingis, a keen horsewoman herself, "If we lose. I go home."

Hingis. Czech by birth but new a Swiss national, won the Wimbledon women's doubles title last month with Helena Sukova but says the Olympic experience is quite different.

The opening ceremony is something different you don't have at the French Open or Wimbledon," she said,

On her defeat. Hingis said her opponent was too quick and too unpredictable on the backhand, "You could never tell if it would come down the line or crosscourt," she said.

Monica Seles went through

easily, beating Patricia Hy-Boulais 6-3, 6-2. The top-seeded Seles served seven aces and hit 26 winners. Tim Henman, the British

Wimbledon quarter-finalist, is having a ball on and off court in Atlanta.immersing himself in the special atmosphere of the event. Henman, who faced the Australian Todd Woodbridge in the early hours of this morning. was in no mood to see his dream die.

Tim needed a tough match to start, and that's what he got from Shuzo Matzuoka on Tuesday," said his coach. David Felgate. "Now he feels he's really part of the Olympies, part of something he's grown up watching on television and reading about, and he wants more of it.

People can wait four years for this, and then just lose. The feeling that it means so much is something Tim has to develop – just like Pete Sampras.

"He's got to get to that stage where he has that same feeling for the big events, the Grand Slams and the Olympics, but he's a British tennis player who the fans believe in now.



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training partner, she is now, at 30, facing retirement, but may

Julian Davies, the Euro-pean featherweight silver

general performance of the British team by drifting out of

armlocked him immediately.

Jaroslaw Lewak of Poland, he decided to light tactically, and went behind on a five-point score. Even then he continued

the game plan to get his op-ponent penalised for not at-

Olympic hopes slipped away. Thus, realistically, only Nigel Donohue, European bantaniweight silver medallist,

who fights today on the last day

stop a medal-less Olympics for

Britain - the worst result since

Flesse leads

France to

team triumph

on the programme.

1964 when judo first appeared

In the second round, against

YESTERDAY

IN ATLANTA

Rendle's early exit

deepens the gloom

One of Britain's greatest judo help the defence of the Euro-fighters, the featherweight pean team tile in St Petersburg. Sharon Rendle, suffered one Julian Davies, the Euro-

distinguished career when she medallist continued the poor

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third time in her competitive tacking rather than trying to life that she has been thrown beat him positively, but his

a slight error and I paid for it of the judo competition, can

of the worst results in her

lost concentration in the very

first round, and was eliminat-

to produce the first medal,

and lift their spirits.

Even more depressingly,

she was beaten by an un-ranked Algerian, Lynda Mckvine, who countered after

just two minutes with kosoto-

gari (minor outer reap) for ip-pon (10 points). It was only the

life that she has been thrown

for judo's perfect score - and

she won her first world bronze

medal exactly 10 years ago.

thrown," Rendle said. "I made

- that is judo. It is unfortunate

that it was at this event of all

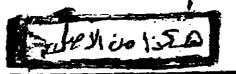
Klees shoots

Germany

to first gold

Along with Diane Bell, her.

"I cannot complain - I was





OLYMPIC GAMES

McGregor tries to repair the damage

Britain's Yvonne McGregor qualified third fastest for today's quarter finals in the 3,000 metre pursuit on the Stone Mountain Park track to keep the flag flying after the rapid demise of

the world champion, Graeme McGregor was one of five to beat the Barcelona record of Germany's Petra Rossmer, but her time of 3min 39,545sec was some seven seconds slower than

her personal best set on Manchester's indoor velodrome McGregor, the world hour record holder, raced against Italy's Antonella Bellutti, who a world 3,000m best of 3:31.924 in Colombia in April. Bellutti underlined her quest for gold with an Olympic record of 3:34,130, breaking the minutes-

old best set by France's Mari-on Clignet on the 250m track. "I am glad that is out of the way," McGregor said. "The first is always the toughest ride and I was troubled in the windy conditions because it affected the five-spoke wheel I was using." She meets New Zealand's

CYCLING By Robin Nicholl

Before the five-day track competition began on Wednesday, scores of cyclists said they did not expect to see many records broken on the temporary wooden track. Too sticky and too small, they said - but there was nothing but praise after riders recorded 13 times below the world or Olympic records on Wednesday

and five more on the first event vesterday. In the women's individual pursuit qualification, five riders, led by Bellutti, shattered the mark 3:41.5(19 set by Germany's Petra Rossner at Barcelona. Bellutti's time was 3:34.130. France's Marion Clignet clocked 3:35.774, followed by McGregor (3:39.545), Rebecca Twigg of the United States

(3:39.849) and Judith Arndt of Germany (3:40.335). The world pursuit champion, shock exit from the 4,000m pursuit He is now concentrating on the 52-kilometre road time trial on 3 August - but his chances there are minimal against men honed on a constant routine of

top-class road racing. His manager, Frank Quinn, said: "I have told him that he should go away and build up some form for the defence of his world title at Manchester at the end of August."

Obrec, struck by a virus in June, lost 6lb in weight and thus arrived in Atlanta nowhere near the peak that has taken him to two world titles and world records. He was demoralised by the world-record times, particularly that of the Italian Andrea Collinelli, who lost to Obree in the world final at Bogota last year. Only 11th in the time trial stage, he missed

the cut for the top eight places. Even his world title could be in jeopardy because Chris Boardman, who won the Olympic pursuit in Barcelona,

is also seeking new targets af-



Out of the shadows: Vitaly Scherbo, of Belarus, executes a ring exercise on his way to

₩ Tennis

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South Korea.

New Zealand... South Africa ...

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⋘ Medals table

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⋘ Basketbali

⋙ Beach Volleyball

MEN: Individual pursuit semi-finals: P Er-menault (Fr) 4mm 24,082sec bt A Markov (Rus) 4:26.828; A Collinelli (ft) 4:22,775 bt 8 McGee (Aus) 4:26.121. McGee took Final: Collinelli 4:20.893 bt Ermenaut. 4:22.714.

Equestrianism

INDIVIDUAL THREE-DAY EVENT (after speed and endurance): 1.8 Tat (NZ) Ready Teddy SG.80pts; 2.9 Clark (NZ) Squiret Hill 60,40; 3. K Millikin (US) Out and About 67,20; 4.1 Textere (Fr) Rodosto 67,20 (star-67.20; 4.) istage (r) include of 22 case er timel; 5.0 0°Conmor (US) Custom Made 68.40; 6 C van Rijclevorsel (Bel) Ots 77.40; 7 M King (GB) King William 78.00; 8 C Bathe (GB) The Cool Customer 78.60; 9 C Hurnable (GB) Mr Bootsle 81.40; 10 H van Paepche (Ger) Amedeus 82.20.

⋘ Fencing

MEN: Yearn to fifth round: South Yorea bt China 45-42; Poland bt Venezuela 45-27; Austra bt United States 45-32; Cuba; 2/; Austra of United Sche 11-22; Julian Hungary, Russia: Germany and Italy received byes to quarter-finals. Quarter-finals: Cuba ht South Korea 45-34; Russia ht Hungary 45-43; Poland ht Germany 45-44; Austria ht Italy 45-36. Semi-finals: Russia ht Cuba 45-44; Poland ht Austria 45-38. WOMEN: Team foli fifth round: Russia bt Angentina 45-20; Chura bt Israel 45-29; Poland bt United States 45-44; Italy;

France; Hungary; Romanie and Germany received byes to quarter-finels. Quarter-finels: taly bit China 45-24; Hungary bit France 45-26; Romania bit Russia 45-41; Germany bit Poland 45-35. Send-finals: Romania bit Germany 45-33; haly bit Hungary 45-42.

😁 Handbali

₩ Hockey

MEN: Preliminary round: Group B: South forea 3 (Parl. Shin-heum, Shin Seok-kyo. (im Young-Kyu) South Africa 3 (Nicol 2. Ful-

WOMEN: Round-robin stage: Britain 2 (Fraser, Johnson) Spain 2 (Dorado, Gabel-lanes): Netherlands 4 (Kulpers, De Ruiter, Donners 2) Germany 3 (Becker 2, Crema).

Rowing

MEN: Coxless pairs first semi-fluat: 1
Australia (D. Weighman/R. Scott) 6mm
48, 43ser; 2 France (M. Andreux)-1-C Rolland 6:49.15; 3 Crostia (M. Banovon) Saraga) 6:55.89; 4 Austra (A. Naderhl Bauer)
6:57.45; 5 Lintunia (D. Bagionase Petus)
6:57.75; 6 Bulgaria (O. Ninown Kolevi
7:00.12. Second semi-fluat: 1 Great
Britain (S. RedgraveM Pinsent) 6:50.30;
2 New Zealand (T. Dunloy/D. Schaper)
6:51.64; 3 Italy (M. Penna/W. Bottega)
6:52.32; 4 United States 6:52.92 (M. Peterson/J. Hollandf 6:52.92; 5 Seigum (J. Goris/J. van Driessche) 6:55.84; 8 Algerina
(C. Palavecino/W. Belunek) 7:14.59.
Single scolls (top three to fluat): Heat
1: 1.X. Musller (Swit) 7:10.07; 2.0 Poner
(Carl) 7:14.91; 3 F Belden (Nor) 7:19.82;
4 A Imrahim (Eg) 7:22.43; 5 S Fernandez
(Ang) 7:23.70; 6 P Harring (GB) 7:30.47.
Neat 2: 1 T Lange (Gen) 7:12.30; 2 i Cop
(Stoven) 7:15.07; 3 V Chalupa (Cr. Rep)
7:16.97; 4 R Waddel (N2) 7:18.52; 5 C
Beasley (US) 7:31.49; 6 H Nussbaumer
(Aut) 7:35.52.
Double scollis semi-filinate (first three to

(Aut) 7:35.52.
Double sculls senti-finals (first three to final): Heat 1: 1 Italy (D Tizzano/A Abbagnele) 6:37.46; 2 Norway (K Undset/S Scienseth) 6:40.15; 3 Germany (S Mayer/R Opter) 6:42.57; 4 Caneda (M Forgeray 7 Hallett) 8:46.35; 5 Beighm (T Symons/B Hendrick) 6:48.13; 6 Slovelia (Hambalek/I Ziska) 6:55.73.
Heat 2: 1 France (F Kowe/S Barathay) 6:32.98; 2 Austra (A Konke/C Zerbst) 8:35.76; 3 Demrats (L Christersen/H Habbaharsen) 6:37.10; 4 Australia (P Artoni/) Day) 6:39.49; 5 Lante (J Lamansis/A Renberley 6:40.38; 8 Comein (H Tellsman/)

bohansen) 6:37.10; 4 Australia (F Antonio) Day) 6:39.49; 5 Laiste (U Lasmansis/A Rein-holds) 6:40,38; 8 Croatis (H Telisman/D Bajio) 7:03.53.

Coxless fours semi-finals (first three to final); Heat 1: 1 France 6:09.58; 2 Italy 6:09.62; 3 Australia 6:09.95; 4 Creatia 6:12.40; 5 Norway 6:15.17; 6 China 6:25.70

6:25.79.
Heart 2: 1 Britan (J Seade, G Seade, R Obhober, T Foster) 6:10.78; 2 Romanis 6:11.84; 3 Stovenia 6:13.14; 4 Poland 6:16.65; 5 US 6:18.68; 6 Germany

6:19.06.
WOMEN: Coxless pairs first semi-finat:
1. United, States (M. Schwen/K. Kraft)
7:29.31; 2. Australia (Megan Statkets)
7:32.47; 3. Russie (A. Ligachoua/V. Pochtayeva) 7:36.37; 4. Chune (V. Lengy/ Jing)
7:36.40; 5. Holland (E. Meijer/A. Venema)
7:48,40; 6. South Africa (Helen Fleming/Colleen Orsmond) 7:56.41; 5. Second semi-finat: 1. France (C. Gosself Contro)
7:30:21; 2. Canada (E. Robinson/A. van der Kamp) 7:32.02; 3. Germany (K. Heacket'S. Werremeist) 7:34.80; 4. Romania (L. Cazar/A. Cazar) 7:44.47; 5. Czech Republic (S. Telenska/H. Denusova) 7:48.40; 8. Griset Britain 7:59.57 (K. Mackenzie/P. Cross).

Single sculls (top three to final): Heat 1: 1 \$ (aumann (Carl) 7:57.68; 2 Y Knodotovich (Bela) 8:00.02; 3 M Brandin (Swe) 8:01.55; 4 A Bredaei (Bel) 8:05.78; 5 R Neyhova (Bul) 8:15.63; 6 L Finska-Beserra (Fin) 8:25.00. Heat 2: 1 T Hansen (Den) 7:53.46; 2 R Davidon (US) 7:54.97; 3 G Batten (GB) 7:56.61; 4 E Lipe (Rom) 8:01.84; 5 C Garcis (Fi) 8:13.37; 6 Liu Xaochum (China) 8:15.83.

⋘ Shooting MEN: 50m free rifle preliminary round:

1. C Klees (Gerl 600.0 (equals world record): 2. J Gond (Stovak) 599.0; 3.5 Martynov (Bela) 598.0; 4.5 Behaev (Kazak) 598.0; 5.5 B. Meek (IUS) 597.0; 6. J Gonzalez (Sp) 597.0; 7.1 Eun-chul (5 Kor) 596.0; 8. M Moch (Cz Rep) 596.0; 9. R Debevec (Sloven), S Kovalenko (Rus) 596.0; 11= V Becvar (CZ Rep), R Kraskowski (Pol), W Li (Chma), Y Lomov (Kingassan), O Mykhaylov (Iluri, 1 Pretieev (Turkmenistam), S Pletilosic (Yug), B Rucker (Ger), Z Van (Hung) 595.0; 20= X Chen (Chma), T Carwinsia (Pol), A Platorhhekov (Rus), K Koch (Swd), G Maksimovic (Yug), B Polek (Isr) 594.0; 26= J Harskov (Den), J Henn (SA), G Szank (Isr), A Zumbach (Swit) 593.0; 30= M Bury (Fr), M Dion (Can), N Kuma (Lapan), G Nekhaev (Bela), H Stenvesg (Nor), E Upragraft (IUS) 592.0; 36= C Young-chul (5 Kor), N Petter Haakadai (Nor), S Petteristan (NZ), 591.0; 39= R Chassat (Fr), T Gimmel (Den), W Walbel (Aut) 590.0; 42= T Farnik (Aut), P Gabnelsson (Swe), J Hivi (Fin), B Meradrit (US Virg Is), M Yanagida (Japan) 589.0; 47 R Rodriguz (PR) 5810; 48 J Stem (GB) 587.0; 49 A Desa (Yen) 596.0; 50 K Al-Kham (Oman) 584.0; 51 N Fazija (Bosnia) 583.0; 52 G Duff (Irl) 580.0.

Softball

WOMEN: Preliminary round: China 8 Netherlands 0; Australia 10 Japan 0.

Swimming

MENt 50m freestyle (tastest eight to final): Heat 1: 1 W Lawrence (Dom) 27.88sec; 2 M Nazim (Malliwes) 28.37; 3 R Markosso (Congo) 30.00.
Heat 2: 1 K Finera (Vr Is) 24.62; 2 H Hinds (Artilles) 24.63; 3 H Hung Chill-Yung (Tai) 24.89; 4 A Canela (Par) 24.91; 5 M Coller (5 Leone) 34.21. Did not start: M Baltane (Negaria).
Heat 3: 1 N Tongue (NZ) 23.73; 2 A Li (HK) 23.77; 3 M Cazmociuc (Mol) 23.75; 4 D Bolinger (Gue) 23.97; 5 K Berberoglu (Turk) 24.37; 6 T Kerelgarto (Hung) 24.67; 7 Ju We Sing (Sing) 25.04; 8 E Guliyev (Azer) 25.23.
Heat 4: 1 Y Matsus'ma (Lapen) 23.60; 4 R Nachayev (Lizhek) 23.93; 5 T Zmhom (Eg) 24.02; 6 S Xawre (Ind) 24.15; 7 A Longar (Cool) 24.17; 8 V Vastev (Fingiasten) 24.54.
Heat 5: 1 S Brum (Jam) 23.35; 2 S Minselides (Cop) 23.37; 3 E Linscher (Surnam) 23.45; 4 H Legauti (Can) 23.80; 7 N O'Hare (In) 24.03. Disc. A loanovic (Rom).
Heat 6: 1 R Busquents (Ph) 24.03. Disc. A loanovic (Rom).
Heat 6: 1 R Busquents (Ph) 22.61; 2 F Deligato (Eou) 23.29; 3 S Borsenko (Nazak): 1 Ser (Est) 23.29; 5 B Kizierows (In (Po)) 23.34; 6 B Bersandes (Sp)) 23.36; 7 P Lindstorm (Swe) 23.47; 8 G Giziotis (Gre) 23.56.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM ATLANTA

Heart 7: 1 Jiang Chengi (China) 22.55; 2 B Zikarsky (Gerl; F Sanchez (Vent) 22.68; 4 R Gusperti (th.) 22.85; 5 P Khrykin (Illvi) 22.91; 6 R Mazuolis (Litti) 22.98; 7 A Ludentz (Ger) 23.06; 8 J Meokans (Arg) 23.21. Heart 8: 1 G Hall (US) 22.36; 2 B Dedeknd (SA) 22.60; 3 F Scheer (Bra) 22.68; 4 M Foster (GB) 22.73; 5 Y Vissor (Ukr) 22.77; 6 C Kalfayan (Fr) 22.83; 7 V Pred-km (Rus) 23.03; 8 D Kalmovsky (Bela) 23.61.

23.61. Heat 9: 1 A Popov (Rus) 22.22; 2 D Fox (US) 22.64; 3 A Murray (Bah) 22.75; 4 P var den Hoogenband (Neth) 22.82; 5 G Borges (Bra) 22.86; 6 C Fydler (Aus) 22.98; 7 O Ruikhewch (Belai 23.12; 8 Y Bruck (Isr) 23.22.

22.98; 7 0 Rukhtewch (Bela) 23.12; 8 Y Bruck (Isr) 23.22.
200m Individual medley (fastest eight to finel): Heat 1: 1 W Toruno (Nic) 2:06.15; 2 A Sevitsky (Nazaki 2:08.78; 3 A Serrano (Col) 2:09.67; 4 K Filipovski (Macedorus) 2:11.90; 5 W Abduhah (Malay) 2:12.11; 6 S Alotabi (Nuw) 2:19.77. Discy L Hem (Cambodia). Heat 2: 1 S Marinouk (Mol) 2:04.99; 2 J Horky (C Rep) 2:05.45; 3 V Klamikovs (Lat) 2:08.16; 4 O Pukhnaty (Lzbek) 2:06.39; 5 K Cac (Cros) 2:06.97; 6 Kim Barg-Hyur (S Kor) 2:06.99; 7 A Lopez (PR) 2:07.09; 8 M Kwok (Hi) 2:07.61. Heat 3: 1 M Wouda (Neth) 2:01.21; 2 M Durn (Aus) 2:01.44; 3 A Casne (Hung) 2:02.10; 4 Y Kimugass (Japan) 2:03.42; 5 S Thelote (Ger) 2:04.23; 6 A Zubor (Hung) 2:06.24; 7 S Serheyev (Ukr) 2:05.30. Discy P Mankoc (Slovak). Heat 4: 1 T Dolan (Us) 2:01.99; 2 X Marchand (Fr) 2:03.17; 3 M van der Spoel (Neth) 2:03.75; 4 C Keller (Ger) 2:03.82; 5 J Vishimi (Japan) 2:04.49; 6 S Coombs. (Aus) 2:07.31; 7 D Kalchev (Bul) 2:08.16; 8 G Kon (Sing) 2:11.76. Heat 5: 1 J Slevinen (Fin) 2:01.05; 2 C Myden (Can) 2:01.50; 3 G Burgess (Us) 2:02.93; 4 L Sacoth (#) 2:03.24; 5 K Sinsanom (Thai) 2:05.18; 6 M Mainsku (Pol) 2:05.49; 7 J Lethinen (Fin) 2:05.51; 8 D Koh (Singa) 2:08.99. Qualiffers: Sievenen, Wouda, Dunn, Myden (Cons)

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WOMEN: Singles second round: M Seles (US) bt P Boulais (Can) 6-3 6-2; A Sugyama (Japan) bt M Hungs (Swin 6-4 6-4; B Schultz-McCarthy (Neth) br Young-la Cho (S Kor) 6-2 6-4. Doubles first round: O Barabenschikova/N Zwerwe (Bela) bt M D'Agostni/V Menga (Bra) 6-2 6-3.

Qualifiers: Sievinen, Wouda, Dunn, My-den, Burgess, Dolan, Czene, Marchand.

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WOMEN: 200m backstroke (Tastest eight to final): Heat 1: 1 M Grozdaro (Ng) 2:0.65; 2 P Mirpophal (Thai) 2:182; 3 D Kvesic (Bosne) 2:23.78, Heat 2: 1 J Howard (Ear) 2:17.25; 2 A Kowsto (Fin) 2:19.58; 3 P Chaves (Por) 2:20.49; 4 G Thomson (Phil) 2:13.36; 5 A Klepkou (Gre) 2:22.83; 6 Ln Chi-Chan (Ian) 2:24.50.
Heat 3: 1 N Zhwanevskoya (Rus) 2:13.32; 2 L Vigarani (N) 2:13.56; 3 8 Botsbord (US) 2:14.16; 4 = H Ricardo (Fr), Lee Chang-ha (S Kor) 2:14.18; 6 I Burczyk (Pol) 2:16.91; 7 I Maria (So) 2:18.72; 8 Wu Yarnyan (China) 2:20.99.
Heat 4: 1 W Hedgepeth (US) 2:11.63; 2 A Schotz (Ger) 2:12.73; 3 M Nakao (Japan) 2:12.92; 4 C Casaru (Rom) 2:15.92; 5 M Knel (SA) 2:15.99; 6 M Jacobsen (Den) 2:16.68; 7 N Stavenson (Aus) 2:16.71: 8 Y Gervy (Bel) 2:16.69.
Heat 5: 1 K Egetsreg (Hung) 2:09.18; 2 C Rund (Ger) 2:13.58; 3 A Simcic (N2) 2:13.74; 4 Chen Yan (China) 2:14.74; 5 M Nakanura (Japan) 2:15.05; 6 J Deakins (GS) 2:15.12; 7 K Phorokova (Cz Rep) 2:13.20; 8 I Upscombe (N2) 2:19.54. Qualifiers: Egesschg, Hedgepeth, Schotz, Nakao, Zhvenevskaya, Vigarani, Rund,

Sincic.
44200m freestyle relay (fastest eight to final): Heat 1: 1. Jopan 8:09.46; 2 Netherlands 8:12.76; 3 China 8:13.29; 4 France 8:18.90; 5 Switzerland 8:21.56; 6 Belons 8:21.70; 7 Argentina 8:46.36.
Heat 2: 1 US 8:04.99; 2 Canada 8:12.03; 3 Sweden 8:13.64; 4 Britain 8:14.92; 5 New Zealand 8:14.98; 6 South Kores 8:22.90; 7 Talven 8:27.61.
Qualifiers: US, Germany, Australia, Japan, Romana, Canada, Netherlands, China, **XXX** Table Tennis

Noodle na) bt P Mutambuze (lig) 21-11 21-14; D Faokas (Gret bt D Heisser (Neth) 21-16 21-15: J Sane (Bet) bt D Alhabashi (Kinw) 21-12 21-12; V Horea (Rom) bt P Franz (Ger) 21-16: 21-16; V Samsonov (Bela) bt S Hylton (Jam) 21-6 21-10; J Rosskopf (Ger) bt G Munoz (Mex) 21-15 21-11; J Gatten (Fri bt A Marengo (Chile) 21-6 21-4; J Weldorer (Swei) bt I Opolus (Gh) 21-14 21-7; C Lee (S Kor) bt I Lupulesku (Mg) 19-21 21-17 21-18. power

19-21 21-17 21-18.

WOMEN: Singles round-robin: We Liu (Chuna) bt V Popova (Slovek) 19-21 21-13 21-18; A Feng (US) bt B Olate (Chie) 21-15 21-7; Y Deng (China) bt L Lomas (SB) 21-14 21-8; M Svensson (Swe) bt N Kyakobye (Ug) 21-7 21-6; Chen Jing (Tei) bt Chunè L (Nu2) 21-10 21-15; A Arist (It) bt L Chunab (Lebanon) 21-4 21-13; Hong Onao (China) bt Xiao Ming Wang-Drechou (Fr) 21-12 21-11; R Sain (Japan) bt M Musoke (Ug) 21-6 21-3; T Todo (Japan) bt K F Ramos (Ven) 21-10 21-0 (Touati disqualifica); M Hooman-Noppenburg (Neth) bt F Ramos (Ven) 21-18 21-12; I Paina (Rus) bt B Aleyo (Dom Rep) 21-11 21-12; C Koyama (Japan) bt J Dobesson (C Rep) 22-20 22-20; N Struse (Ger) bt T Bores (Choa) 21-6 21-9; Po Wa Chai (HO) bt A Simion (Rom) 21-12 18-21, 21-9. Zhan Xugang was totally dom-inant in the lightweight division yesterday, claiming three world

records on his way to earning China's second weightlifting gold medal of the Olympics. The world champion hoisted 162.5kg in the snatch, and then with gold already his, he lifted a record 195kg in the clean-and-

jerk, setting a new combined mark of 357.5kg into the bargain. North Korea's Kim Myongnam, who had set the previous records in April, was outlifted by a hefty 12.5 kg and had to set-tle for silver. Hungary's Attila

Feri took brouze. "I lifted as much as I can in the snatch, but in the clean-andierk i can do tive kilograms more," said Zhan, ominously for his rivals. "I'd been doing well in training and I thought this was my time to take all Kim's

records and the gold." China's weightlifting coach, Yang Hanxiong, put the success down to instant noodles. "Training conditions are pretty good but the food is not so great for us. Still, we've bought a lot of instant noodles. In fact, instant noodles are our No 1 weapon

here." he said. The result was confirmation that China, who did not win a weightlifting gold in 1988 or 1992, are a force to be reckoned with in the lighter weights. Tang Lingsheng took gold in the bantamweight (54kg) class on Sunday with a world record combined total and China have also won a silver and a bronze.

Turkey, with two golds so far, had a bad day yesterday. Their world silver medallist and 1994 champion, Fedail Guler, injured his elbow in the warm-up and withdrew. The double world bronze medallist Ergun Batmaz, trailing badly after the snatch, declined a third clean-

lifts Zhan



WEIGHTLIFTING

Christian Kless of Germany set France moved ahead in the a world record store of 704.3 tencing medal stakes on Weda world record score of 709.3 tencing media states on wedpoints yesterday to win the gold nesday as they pushed Italy into
medal in the men's 50-metre second place in the women's
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fire right second states are shooting a flurry of silver and halanced at first but by the halfbronzes. Series is Belliand of size each bed coined bronzes. Sergei Beliaev of way stage France had gained Kazakistan won the saver with the upper hand as Laura Fles-

Shooting

703.3 while The bronze went sel, the new individual champto Jozef Gonci of Slovakia too, fought her relay against
with 701.9. Elisa Uga-Italy came back as
Klees 28 did not score low. Laura Chiesa took up the er than a 10.3 in his 10 shots fight, but Italy were unable to in the finals. His total, including a hold France and the matching a world record equalling ended as Flessel thrust through perfect score of 600 in the pre- Chiesa's defence in the last re-

intimary round broke the pre- lay for a deserved 45-33 win. vious mark of 7035 by Jens The bronze medal went to Harskov of Denmark in 1991. Russia as they defeated Hun-In free rifle prope, athletes gary in extra time. tie on their stomachs and shoot In the men's te 22 calibre rifles at bull's eye the gold went to Russia in a targets 50 metres away. The match which their opponents, target's centre is 10 4mm wide Hungary, never looked like

"I can tignite believe it," the on paper seemed strong. Rus-erstatic Klees said. I train just sia took an early lead and nev-

as much as Bons Becker, but er looked back, finishing the match 45-25 ahead.

though temporarily promoted plode." That put him fifth to third-evaporated. The jury overall and within striking disdenied the protest from the tance of the leaders, Stefan

LI nounds are discarded, Ains- down to 18th in the first by winhe's 27th position in the open-ing race combined with a ending the day in third. disqualification would have The boardsallor Penny Wilonly sailor to have the pressure

Ainslie receives boost Ainslie bad pulled up from 16th to seventh in Wednesday's After a see saw of emotions, first race and then, as most of Britain's sailing team was firm the fleet was sent ashore for ly back on track off Savannah the daily afternoon storm, the yesterday, writes Stnart Alex- Lasers continued and he took second. The pace, rhythm and The threat of a disqualifi-cation for Ben Ainslie in his having had "a real problem second race, where he had with overheating. My head scored a valuable fourth - felt like it was going to ex-

In the men's team sabre

French concerning Ainslie's in- Warkalla of Germany, Peer volvement in a pile up in Moberg of Norway and Lange, which the American Nick On the same course, the Eu-Adamson was disqualified. rope singlehanders also had The decision is a boost to two races and Shirley Robert-Ainslie's chances. Although son made amends for a yellow the worst two finishes of the flag penalty which pushed her

put the British hope against son had her 15th in the second the wall. Ainslie was not the race turned into a fifth as the jury agreed she should be comrelieved vesterday. Santiago pensated for failure of equip-Lange, of Argentina, had his ment supplied by the organwin restored from that second isers. She improved from 14th

race, from which he had ear- in her first race to fifth in the lier been disqualified. second to share fourth overall.

All times listed are BST

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ASSISTEMAL: (m) pretime Group A (1800); Angola v Lothuana; (2400); Argendira v Create; (0200); Linaed Stafes v Create, Group B (1400); Puene Rico v Austriae; (1900); South Horela v Greace; (2100); Bizzal v Yugosiayas.

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(m) 10-metre rumong target finer.

SOFTBALL patients (1300): Josen v Puero Roc.
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By praime; (1.455); (m) 200 metres bottos:
praime; (1.505); (m) 50 metres freesche praime; (1.526); (m) 44.00 metres medien reity pratme; (2.530); (m) 200 metres freesche praime; (2.505); (m) 200 metres freesche freesche final; (0.015); (m) 300 metres freesche final; (0.015); (m) 44.00 metres freesche final; (0.05); (m) 44.00 metres freesche final; (0.05); (m) 44.00 metres medlen (18) pratme; (1.400); (m) 47.00; (m) 500; (m) 50

VOLLEYBRIL (w) prems. Gross A. 1530... Noticelands v South Notes: '2000. Crust v Urosens: (2330)... Urised States v Jepse Gross B 12400): Russes v Peru; (2230... Gervery v Cabe; (2200): Canada v Bress. WATER POLICE (1500): Classification; (1640); Castafestor; (1900); Quarter fruit; (2040); Quarter fruit; (2220); Quarter fruit; (2210); Quarter fruit;

Television Coverage

MEN: Singles round-robin: Tao Wang (Chi-TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

⋘ Badminton WOMMER: Singles, first round (GB results only): E Rybbara (Rus) bt J Muggardge (GB) 11-6 12-11: K Mongen (GB) bt S Yang (Aus) 11-1 11-5: P V V Lakstum (Ind) bt A Gloson (GB) 11-6 11-6.

Baseball Profitte USA 15 Italy 3: Cuba 14 South Kores 11.

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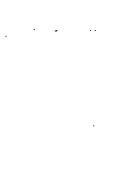
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FIRST TEST: Pakistan surrender initiative after Inzamam powers them into commanding position with century on docile pitch

England swing balance with 'new' ball

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Lord's Pakistan 290-9 v England

The intrigue may at last be waning in the High Court, with Imran Khan admitting part of the libel action brought against him, but it was building up at Lord's, where England's fortunes fluctuated like a defrosting vindaloo. Once Inzamamul-Haq had gone to a standing ovation and a Test-best score of 148, the threat of a big total re-ceded and England ended the day in decent shape wih nine Pakistan wickets accounted for.

However, no Test match against Pakistan is complete without a speck of controversy and Inzamam - on 64 at the time - ought to have been the man given out when he was involved in a mix-up with his team-mate Salim Malik.

Having completed a first run. Salim, the non-striker, set off for a second, which was probably there despite Ian Salisbury's brilliant sliding stop and throw.

Inzamam, strangely mute considering he briefly left his ground at the bowler's end, later claimed he shouted "Wait". But if that call was made, it wasn't heard by the advancing Salim, who was first to touch his bat down in the crease. All the while a nonplussed Jack Russell casually removed the bails at the other end, which had by now been vacated by both batsmen. in fact, neither man was of-

ficially given out and Salim walked, taking the long trudge back to the dressing-room as slowly and accusingly as he could. If it was a sacrifice, television replays showed it to have

Test cricket is more about results and less about the meth-

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that England will be thankful. On a docile pitch, very different to the one England played India on here a month ago, England's bowlers struggled to produce anything remotely resembling a wicket-taking ball until after tea, when the umpires changed a "horribly misshapen"

ball, and its replacement began

to swing. At that stage, Pakistan were 197 for 4 and handily placed to bat England out of the game. Instead they capitulated, losing five wickets for 93 runs as England began to get the ball off the straight for the first time in the day. A moment David Lloyd, the England coach, later acknowledged as an important one. "That ball change just shows the mysteries of swing howling," he said later.

And swing it surely did with Dominic Cork at last being able to persuade umpire Peter Willey to give the 18-year-old debutant Shadab Kabir out lbw, a decision he also upheld when Mark Ealham later inquired, after a perfect in-swinger had caught

Wasim Akram plumb in front. Alan Mullally, who had been England's best bowler in the earlier sessions, then stepped in to take three quick wickets, including the prize scalp of Inzamam, now tiring and bowled off an inside edge. Inzamam, whose talent has

been widely touted, first burst into prominence during the 1992 World Cup, where his scorching semi-final blitz against New Zealand took his team to the final when defeat

had looked likely.

Tall and bulky, despite a recent weight loss of 26lb, there is a lack of elegance to his play that stems from a dominant right hand and an early commitment to the front foot. But although his cover drives are slapped ods of achieving them, and for rather than struck, the power is

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there and he never missed out on anything wayward, finding

the gaps with precision.

Hailing from the dusty town of Multan, famous for its pottery and handicrafts, Inzamam, now 26, struggled on Pakistan's last tour of England, where he averaged 13 over the four Tests he played.

Like many of his countrymen, he has a natural affinity for the on-side. But if that led to his downfall four years ago, an extension of his off-side repertoire has meant a reduction in the amount of balls worked to leg a risky proposition unless at the peak of your game and he was twice reprieved, on 63 and 132, to difficult half-chances.

He does not lack confidence, and showed few nerves when belting Graeme Hick for six over the fielder stationed at long-on to bring up his hundred.
"Twice I have got out on 95," he explained. "So when I thought it was a good ball to hit, I did. It is a great honour for me to

score a century at Lord's."

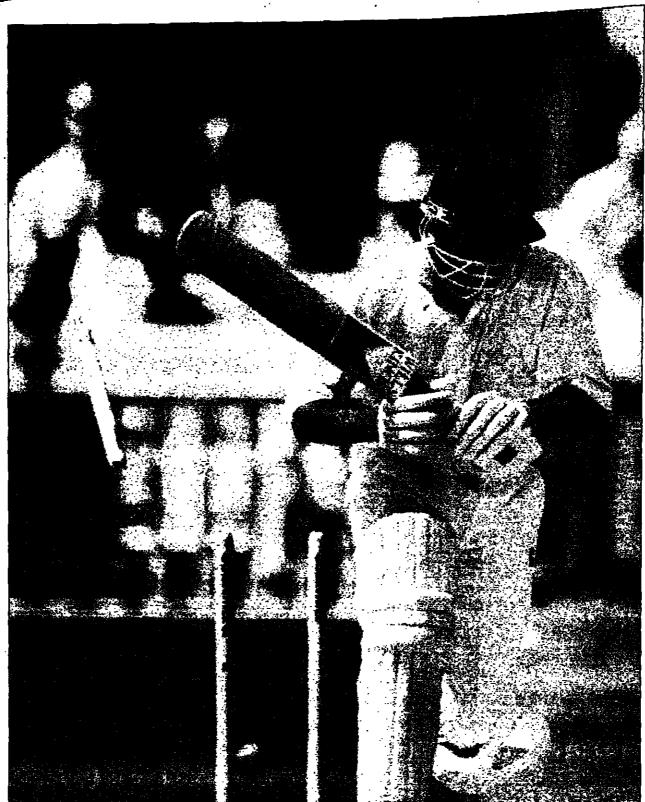
Apart from Inzamam, only
Saeed Anwar, with a stylish 74. got the kind of score Wasim would have been looking for from his top order, although even he was out to a careless slash off Hick.

Having won the toss and batted, Pakistan gifted their early wickets England's way with Aamir Sohail starting the trend as he padded away a straight one from Simon Brown. It was the Durham bowler's 10th ball in Test cricket and it registered 76mph on the Wilkinson Sniper speedgun, Several miles per hour slower than the raising of umpire Steve Bucknor's finger as it sent Aamir on his

But if that dismissal could be put down to carelessness, the next should be consigned to The X-files. Few could have guessed what game Ijaz Ahmed was playing, but his dismissal looked like it had come from a primitive form of hopscotch, rather than a cricket manual.

Having scratched about for his one run, he then decided to run across his stumps to a straight ball from Cork, almost tripping over as he tried to get his bat out from behind his back pad, as a perfectly straight ball bowled him behind his legs.

It was certainly a bizarre start to a day of lost opportu-Inzamam could have been in very poor shape indeed - a position their bowlers may find hard to overcome.



Dominic Cork uproots the middle stump to take the wicket of Ijaz Ahmed at Lord's yesterday Photograph: Peter Jay

Atherton's risk-taking rewarded

HENRY BLOFELD

Mike Atherton's captaincy is competent rather than brilliant. He polices the progress of the game in an organised manner but can seldom be accused of having altered its course with sudden and unexepected tactical decisions. At times he has seemed too inflexible.

In the early afternoon England were in a difficult satisfies.

On a slow, flat pitch two bats. men, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Saeed Anwar, had put on 130 and were not in the slightest difficulty against any of the howlers. Pakistan were heading for a big total. It was then that Atherton suddenly threw the ball to Graeme Hick, who is nowadays little more than an occasional off-spinner, preferring to use him rather than his one specialist spinner, Ian Salisbury, who had already bowled four overs for 18 runs before lunch.

Hick's first two balls had Inzamam in a tangle. He came down the pitch to the first but did not quite get to the pitch of the ball and had to fall back on an improvised, crab-like defensive stroke. He pushed out to the second and it flew off his pad to slip, before turning the third to square leg for a single. His fourth ball to Saced Anwar was short. Saeed could hardly believe his luck and, making room for himself, played a wild square cut. But the ball turned away from the left-hander, it found the edge, and he was caught behind.

Atherton had backed a hunch and it had worked. Another unusual aspect of the affair was that Atherton, who often seems deeply suspicious of spin, had, in a moment of need, turned to a spinner. One can only hope that the success of this inspiration will come to make him more flexible and more inclined to take a similar chance in the future.

This incident also showed the importance of having a howler expected to call upon but who,

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Redgrave and Pinsent play it cool into final



An enterprise that raises a great deal of anticipation in British circles is the renewed Olympic effort Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pin-

sent are putting in at Lake Lanier some 70 miles from Atlanta. On a surprisingly cool morning that came as a godsend to the early starters, the sun screened

by grey clouds that hung low over the verdant surroundings, the British pair steadily made up ground on still water to reach tomorrow's final of the coxless Since Redgrave and Pinsent are considered likely to reprise

the gold medal they won in

Barcelona four years ago, first place in a semi-final ahead of New Zealand and Italy did not surprise any of the three or four thousand spectators present. What did cause some slight concern however was a winning time of 6min 50.30sec, almost four seconds slower than that posted by Australia in the first

semi-final a short while earlier. Whether this indicated an orror in pacing by the British was not known, but more than threequarters of the 2,000-metre course had been covered before daylight appeared between them and second placed New Zealand.

An impression held here is that in matters of pace and stamina rowers perform roughly in the manner of racehorses. It is not so much that they seek surges in acceleration as the energy to sustain maximum mo-

Employing a strike rate that would bring a scathing comment from Redgrave, the US pair. Michael Petersen and Jonathan Holland, were a full length in front at the balf-way stage but fell away badly, finishing fourth, "If a crew wants to race like nutters at the beginning, and end up in a B final it is up to them." RedKen Jones watches Britain's leading oarsmen stay on course for gold

seemed to confirm a serious

miscalculation in the expendi-ture of energy. "We conserved

ours," Pinsent said. "We rowed

the race we wanted to race and

reached the final without using

Further encouragement for

the British team came when the

Searle brothers, Greg and Jon-

ny, along with Rupert Obholz-er and Tim Foster easily won

their semi-final in the coxless

By the time the British crew

went off conditions had changed

marginally, the temperature

higher, sun glinting on the wa-

ter and bearing down on a full grandstand. Comfortably in

charge of proceedings after 500 metres, they came in ahead of

Romania and Slovenia, firmly es-

tablished among the favourites.

Apparently more Corinthian

in approach than Redgrave and

Pinsent the coxless four crew are

nevertheless among the

favourites for temorrow's final

and, in consideration of the

knowledge that the Searles

were Barcelona gold medallists

in the the coxed pairs, short;

Guin Batten will be another

British face in the finals. Putting

in a stout hid she managed third

place in the women's single

sculls behind Trine Hansen of

Denmark and the US repre-

their focus now is on the chal-

lenge expected from the Aus-

tralian crew, David Weightman

and Robb Scott, a comparatively

new partnership. "There is a lot

at stake for them," Scott said.

"We are having a great time and

all is going well. We can't wait

for the final." They are being

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taken seriously.

As for Redgrave and Pinsent

sentative, Ruth Davidon.

ening all the time.

up too much of ourselves."

This led to a spat between rushed off for medical attention Redgrave and an American reporter who raised the thorny issue of transportation in Atlanta in which the British rowers became involved earlier this week when they moved into a hotel close to the rowing course after complaining about difficulties in arriving on time.

When the American then asked Redgrave if he considered the American tactics precipitous, he became aggressive.



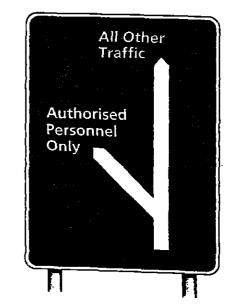
and Pinsent yesterday

"I'm not an educated man." he said. "I don't understand the Of course, long experience

(they won every race they entered between Barcelona and Atlanta) had alerted Redgrave and Pinsent to the folly of premature effort. "Australia and France are our main opposition." Redgrave said, "but we knew that the USA and New Zealand had real potential. If we'd been sucked in by the US, raced them to 1,000 metres, then we might have ended up in the B final ourselves. The Americans were fast enough to be in the final but they paced it hadly."

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